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Return of Warrant

Worceſter ſs- May 15th 1786 In Obedience to this Warrant I have warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants by Posting a Coppy of the Contents of the Same agreeable to a Vote of the Town.-

Nathan Bridges Conſtable for Southborough

Southborough May 15th 1786 The town met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant, and proceeded to Act as follows Viz.

on Art. 1st - { Made choice of Jonª Ward Esqr to repreſent the Town of Southborough in the great & Genl Court of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts for the Year Enſuing.

on Art 2 { Choſe Elijah Brigham Moderator for the remaining part of the Meeting-

on Art 3d - { Made Choice of Mr Nathan Perry for County Treaſurer by a Majority of Votes, for Colo Flagg 1 Vote

Art 4th { Voted to accept the liſt of Jurors as laid before the Town

Art 5th - { Paſsed over finally-

Art 6th - { Voted not to abate any part of the Taxes Set to Jonª Stearns in Paul Newtons liſt of aſseſsment;

Art 7th - { Paſseds over

Art 8th - { Paſsed over by Default

Then the Town voted to Diſsolve this Meeting

Atteſt Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Benjª Smith Town Clerk

Warrant

(Seal) Worceſter ſs- To Nathan Bridges Conſtable for Southborough.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts you are forthwith required to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Southborough Qualified to vote in town affairs, to aſsemble at the publick Meeting House in Sd Southborough on Monday the Fifteenth day of this Inſtant May at 5 oClock P.M then and there to Act on the following articles Viz.

1st - - To Chuſe a Moderator for Said Meeting

2dly - For the town to hear a Notification brought by James Morſe a Committee from the Town of Barre to the Town of Southborough to shew cauſe if any they have why Eunice Amsden a poor perſon carried to the town of Barre from the aforesd town of Southborough should not be brought back again and the Said town of Barre have their Coſt allowed them - and act thereon as the town think fit when met.

Hereof fail not and make Due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time for holding Sd Meeting;

Given under our hand and Seal at Southborough this Tenth day of May in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Six

{ Nathan Bridges
Jonª Champney
Edmund Chamberlin } Selectmen for Southborough

Turn Over

Return of Warrant

Worceſter ſs May 15th 1786 In obedience to the foregoing warrant I have executed the Same by poſting a Coppy of the contents agreeable to a Vote of Sd. Town

Nathan Bridges Conſtable for Southborough

Southborough May 15th. 1786 The town being met agreeable to Warrant proceeded to Act as follows Viz. —

on Art 1st. Choſe Elijah Brigham Moderator for the Meeting

on Art 2d Voted to chuſe Three perſons as Agents to carry the matter to final Iſsue with the Town of Barre concerning the matter of Eunice Amſden

Agents Concerning Eunice Amſden then made Choice of Jonas Ball Ezra Taylor & Mark Collins Junr — or either of the Two to carry the Same to final Iſsue; — —
Then voted to add one perſon more to this Committee to carry on the above affair then Choſe William Onthank for that purpoſe —

Then by a vote of the Town Diſsolved this Meeting

Atteſt Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Benja Smith Town Clerk

Southborough March 23d 1786 The Papers and all other matters belonging

Charges against Treaſurer Collins for 1786 to the Treaſurers Office in Southborough were tranſferred from the late Treaſurer Ball to Mark Collins Junr who was duly choſen and ſworn in the Month of March 1786 and find that he is Chargeable with Two Hundred Pounds now in the hands of Zacheus Witherby and Reuben Fay Conſtables for Southborough to Collect; and the further ſum of Seven Shillings and Seven pence for the uſe of the Burying Yard; alſo Thirteen Pounds Ten Shillings being the abatement of a fine for not sending a Repreſentative in the Year 1782; alſo the further ſum of One pound two ſhillings and three pence being a Recpt from Peter Stone; and likewiſe the Sum of One Pound Seventeen Shillings & ½d it being for Intereſt recd. on Town Notes.

Town Clerks Books Removed March 14th 1786 The Books belonging to the Town Clerks office were removed from Uriel Montague the late town Clerk to Benja Smith who was Choſen and Sworn in his room in the month of March Do 1786

Nathan Bridges order for Serving Conſtable £4..16..0 March 22d 1786 the Selectmen gave an order to Nathan Bridges of Four pound ſixteen Shillings for Serving Conſtable in the Year 1784 — — — — — — — —

Reuben Fays order for Serving Conſtable 1785 £3-12-0 May 1st 1786 The Selectmen gave an order to Reuben Fay of Three pound twelve ſhillings in part for Serving Conſtable in the Year 1785 — — — — — —

Elijah Brigham order for ſerving Conſ-table 1783 £10-4-0 May 8th 1786 the Selectmen alſo gave an order to Elijah Brigham of Ten pound four ſhillings for ſerving Conſtable in the Year One Thouſand ſeven hundred and Eighty three. —

Perambulation between Southborough & Northboro 1786

Southborough May 9th - 1786 We the Subſcribers being duly appointed to Perambulate and renew the Bounds between the towns of Southborough and Northborough; have performed the buſineſs to the ſatiſfaction of both parties, witneſs our hands.

Thaddeus Fay
Aſa Goodnow } Committee For Northboro

William Collins
Edmund Chamberlin } Committee for Southborough

Perambulation between Southboro & Framingham 1786

Southborough May 26th 1786. We the Subscribers being Legally appointed to Perambulate the line and renew bounds between the Towns of Framingham and Southborough have done the Service; and have renewed Twenty Bounds to Stones Corner and from Said Corner on the new granted line to Sudbury River one Hundred & Ninty rods to Said River to a small white Ash tree marked with Stones about the same

Nathan Bridges
George Brigham } Committee for Southborough

James Clayes
David Brewer } Select men for Framingham

Spectators
Eli Bruce
Ashbel. S. Brigham

A true Coppy of the return Atteſt Benja Smith T. Clerk

Worceſter ſs. Seal Warrant

To Nathan Bridges Conſtable for Southborough the preſent Year, In the name of the Common Wealth of Maſsachuſetts you are forthwith required to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Southborough Qualified to Vote in town affairs, to Aſsemble at the publick Meeting houſe in Sd Southboro on Monday the twelfth day of this Inſtant June at 2 oClock P.M then and there to Act on the following Articles Viz.

Art. 1st { To Chuſe a Moderator for Said Meeting.

Art. 2d { To see what Meaſures the Town will come into for the further Supplying the Pulpit in Said town or paſs any Vote or Votes reſpecting the Same when mett

Art. 3d { To see if the town will Chuſe a Committee to draught Inſtructions for our Repreſentative or act thereon as the town ſhall think fit when met.

Art. 4th { To see if the Town will chuſe a Committee to repair the Meetinghouſe in Sd Southborough or paſs any Vote or Votes as the town shall think fit when met.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the time for holding Sd Meeting; Given under our hand and Seal this Sixth day of June A.D. 1786

Marth Collins Junr
Hezh Fay
Jona Champney } Selectmen for Southborough

Return of Warrant

Worceſter ſs, June 12th 1786

I have executed the within Warrant by poſting a Coppy of the Contents of the Same agreeable to the Vote of Said Southborough

Nathan Bridges { Conſtable for Southborough

Southborough June 12th 1786 the Town met agreeable to Warrant and Voted as follows Viz. — — — — — — —

on Art. 1st { Made Choice of Jona. Champney Moderator for the Meeting

Art. 2d — { Paſsed over for a little while

Art. 3d { Paſsed over finally

Art. 4th — Comittee to repair the Meeting houſe { Voted to repair the Meeting houſe directly; then Voted to chuſe a Comittee of five perſons to repair the Same; then Choſe Isaac Johnſon, Nathan Bridges, Capt. Seth Newton William Onthank & Daniel Johnſon for that purpoſe

on Art. 2d — Committee to Supply the Pulpit { Voted to chuſe a Committee of Three perſons to Supply the Pulpit for the future; then choſe George Brigham Ezekiel Collins & Nathan Fay for the Same Buſineſs;

Then by Vote of the Town Diſsolved this Meeting

Atteſt Jona. Champney Moderator

Recorded by Benja. Smith Town Clerk

Mr. Aikens Anſwer

Mr. Aikens Anſwer to the Town of Southborough

To the Church and Inhabitants of the Town of Southborough.

Having [illegible] a Serious manner taken into Conſideration your Invitation for Setling with you in the Sacred work of the Goſpel Miniſtry. — and seing no propriety or Scripture warrant for your preſent Mode and manner of admitting perſons to the Seals of the Covenant = think it not my duty to practiſe in that way at preſent = muſt notwithſtanding my love and tender feeling for the dear flock of Chriſt among you; give my anſwer in the Negative; —

Southborough June 3d 1786

Solomon Aiken —

This anſwer was read to the Town June 4th 1786 by the Revd. Mr. Fitch of Hopkinton

Recorded by Benja. Smith Town Clerk

August 7th 1786

(L.S.) Worceſter ſs. To Nathan Bridges Conſtable for the Town of Southborough

Warrant

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts you are forthwith required to warn all the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of South borough Quallified to Vote in town affairs - to aſsemble at the publick Meetinghouſe in Said South borough, on Monday the 7th Day of August next at 2 oClock P. M. then and there to act on the following Articles Viz.

1st To Chuſe a Moderator for Said Meeting

2dly For the Town to hear the contents of a Letter ſent to the Selectmen for ſending a Delegate or Delegates to the Convention for the County of Worceſter to be holden by Adjournment at the houſe of George Bruce Innholder at Leiceſter on the 15th Day of Auguſt Next and act thereon as the Town ſhall think ſit when met.

3dly To ſe if the town will chuſe an Agent to anſwer the Suit brought againſt the Town by Mr. Wm. Plumb, or act thereon as the town ſhall think ſit when met.

4thly For the town to Chuſe a Committee to Settle with the Goſpel Candidates or act thereon as the Town shall think ſit when mett.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for holding Said meeting; Given under our hands and Seal at South borough this 25th Day of July, A.D. 1786

Mark Collins Jun.
Hezh. Fay
Jona. Champney
Edmund Chamberlain
Selectmen for South borough

Worceſter ſs. In obedience of this Warrant I have poſted a Coppy of the Contents of the ſame agreeable to the Vote of ſaid Town.

Return of Warrant

Nathan Bridges
Conſtable for South borough

South borough Auguſt 7th 1786 The Town met purſuant to the foregoing Warrant and proceeded to buſineſs as follows Viz.

Art. 1st The Town made Choice of Jona. Champney Moderator

Art. 2d Voted to ſend a Delegate or Delegates to the Convention to be holden on adjournment at the House of George Bruces Innholder in Leiceſter on the 15th day of Auguſt next; then after that Voted to reconſider the above Vote

Art. 3d The Town Voted to chuſe an Agent to carry on the affair with Mr. Plumb and that he act his beſt diſcretion, and to the moſt advantage and Benefit of the Town; then the town made choice of Ezra Taylor for that purpoſe

Agent to carry on the affair with Plumb

Art. 4th Voted that the Committees who hired the Several Candidates to the preſent time, be impowered to Settle with them, and take a Certificate of them directed to the Town Treaſurer;

Then Voted to Diſsolve this Meeting Atteſt Jona. Champney Moderator

Recorded by Benja. Smith Town Clerk

August 1786

Worceſter ſs. To Mr. Nathan Bridges Conſtable for the Town of

Warrant

L.S.

Southborough. In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts you are forthwith required to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Southborough, Qualified to Vote in Town Meetings, to aſsemble at the publick Meetinghouſe in Sd Southborough on the 22d of this Inſtant August at 2 oClock P. M. then and there to act on the following Articles Viz

(1st) To chuſe a Moderator for Said Meeting.

(2dly) To see if the Town will grant a Sum of Money Sufficient to inlarge or Repair the Meetinghouſe in Southborough and Diſpoſe of any Pew Ground or Tranſact any matter or matters or paſs any Vote or Votes as the Town ſhall think fit when met.

(3dly) To ſee if the Town will chuſe a Committee to look into the affair between Mr. John Angier and Wm. Onthank relative to Mr. Onthanks Conveying land and Stone Wall, ſuppoſed to belong to the Town of Southborough to John Angier or act thereon as the town ſhall think fit when met.

(4thly) To ſee if the town will chuſe a Committee to look into a Letter ſent to the Selectmen by Capt. Wm. Winchester and report to the town thereon and for the town to act thereon as they think fit when Met.

Hereof fail not and make Due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the time for holding Sd Meeting Given under our hand and Seal at Southborough this 8th Day of August AD 1786

Mark Collins Junr.
Jona. Champney
Edmund Chamberlain
Selectmen for Southborough

Return of Warrant

Worceſter ſs. August 22d 1786 In obedience of this Warrant I have warned all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants by posting two Coppys of the Contents the first Coppy ſuppoſed to be taken down by Some evil minded perſon and it would be well to prove the Same;

Nathan Bridges Conſtable for Southborough

Southborough August 22d 1786 The town met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant and proceeded to paſs the following Votes Viz.

(Art. 1st) Choſe Elijah Brigham Moderator for this Meeting

Art. 2d — Committee to repair the Meetinghouſe — The town voted to repair the Meeting houſe; and Granted the Sum of £60 for that purpoſe; and Choſe a Committee of Five perſons Viz. Isaac Johnſon, Mark Collins Junr., Daniel Johnſon, Capt. Newton & Hezh. Fay, and to leave the matter diſcretionary with the Committee

Art. 3d — Committee on Angier and Onthanks affair — Voted to chuſe a Comittee of three perſons to look into the affair between John Angier & Wm. Onthank Concerning the road or land that Onthank Sold to Said Angier, and that they report to the town the next Meeting; then Choſe Wm. Collins, Nathan Bridges; & Ezra Taylor for their Committee

Committee on Art. 4th on Winchesters affair — Voted to Chuſe a Committee of three perſons to look into the affair of Capt. Winchester concerning a letter ſent by him to the Selectmen, and to report to the Town the Next Meeting; then Choſe Capt. Newton Majr. Champney & Mark Collins Junr. for that purpoſe.

Then by Vote of the Town Diſolved this Meeting, Atteſt Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Benja. Smith Town Clerk

Septr 4th 1786

This Certifies that we have Aſseſsed the Polls and Rateable eſtate in the Town of Southborough in the Sum of One Hundred and Sixty Pounds agreeable to the Votes of Said Town paſsed att their meetings in the Months of March and Auguſt laſt paſt, and made out a Certificate of the ſame to the Treaſurer of Said Town

Hezekiah Fay
Mark Collins Jr.
Aſseſsors for Southborough

Southborough 4th Septr 1786

Worceſter ſs. To Mr Nathan Bridges Conſtable for Southborough

Seal

Warrant

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts you are forthwith required to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants within the town of Southborough Quallified to Vote in town affairs to Aſsemble att the Publick Meetinghouſe on Wedneſday the 20th day of this Inſtant Septr at 8 o'Clock A. M. then and there to act on the following articles Viz.

1st To Chuſe a Moderator for Said Meeting.

2dly — To ſee if the Town will pull down the old Meeting houſe in Said town, and build a new one, or tranſact any matter or matters or act thereon as the town ſhall think fit when met.

3dly — To ſee if the Town will diſpoſe of any Pew ground that ſhall be proper to diſpoſe of or Tranſact any matter or Matters relating to the ſame; or diſpoſe of any property belonging to the Town as the town ſhall think fit when met.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the time of holding Said Meeting. —

Given under our hands and Seal at Southborough this 19th Day of Septr. AD. 1786.

Mark Collins Junr.
Hezh Fay
Jona Champney
Selectmen for Southborough

Worceſter ſs. In obedience to this warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of Southborough as within mentioned by Sending word into all parts of the Town and by poſting a Coppy of the Contents of this Warrant.

Return of Warrant

Southborough Septr 20th 1786

Nathan Bridges
Conſtable for Southborough

Sept 20th 1786

Southborough Septr 20th 1786 The Town met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant and paſsed the following Votes Viz. ——

on Art 1st - Made Choice of Elijah Brigham Moderator

Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting till 12 o'Clock this day at this place; —— Atteſt Elijah Brigham Moderator

Att 12 o'Clock the Meeting being opened proceeded to act as follows Viz

Art. 2d - Paſsed in the Negative. — ——

on Art 3d - The Town Voted to ſell all the Pew Ground that was thought proper to be Diſpoſed of; the houſe being divided the Yeas 35 and Nays 13 — ——

Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting till next Monday att 2 o'Clock att this place ——

Atteſt Elijah Brigham Modr -

Att adjournment Monday 2 o'Clock the Meeting being opened thought fit to adjourn the ſame till 4 o'Clock this day at this place Atteſt Elijah Brigham Modr

Att 4 o'Clock the Meeting being opened the Town proceeded to adjourn the ſame one Quarter of an hour then to meet at this place. ——

Elijah Brigham Moderator

Att 1 Quarter after 4 o'Clock the Meeting being again opened adjourned the ſame till Thurſday the 28th of Septr Currant then to meet att this place

Atteſt Elijah Brigham Moderator

Att adjournment Septr 28th 1786 the Town being met Voted that the above Warrant and proceedings is Not Legal and therefore the Meeting was made Null and Void —— ——

Worceſter ſs - To Mr Nathan Bridges Conſtable for Southbro

Seal

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts, you are hereby required to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Sd town to meet att the publick Meeting houſe in Southborough on Monday the 25th of Septr Curant at 3 o'Clock P. M. to act on the following Articles Viz. ——

1st - To Chuſe a Moderator for Said Meeting ——

2dly To ſee if the Town will give their Repreſentative Inſtruction and Chuſe a Committee to Draft the ſame or act thereon or paſs any Vote or Votes relating to the ſame, as the Town ſhall think fit when met. ——

3dly For the town to ſee if they will chuſe a Delegate or Delegates for to ſet in the County Convention; or paſs any Vote or Votes as they ſhall think fit when mett— ——

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen, att or before the time for holding Said Meeting —

Dated at Southborough Septr 20th 1786 —

By order of the Selectmen Benja Smith Town Clerk

Return of Warrant

Worceſter ſs— Septr 25th 1786 — In Obedience to this Warrant I have warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants by poſting a Coppy of the Contents thereof as the Town has Voted.

Pr Nathan Bridges Conſtable for Southborough

Southborough Septr 25th 1786 The town met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant and paſsed the following Votes Viz —

Artl 1st Choſe Elijah Brigham Moderator

on Artl 2 Committee to give their Repreſentative Inſtruction

Voted to give their Repreſentative Inſtructions for the remaining part of this Year; — and to Chuſe a Committee to Draft the ſame; and that the Committee conſiſt of five perſons; then made Choice of Doctr Parker; Solomon Newton; Benja Parker Nathan Bridges & Ezra Taylor for that purpoſe.

Art 3d — Voted to ſend one Delegate to the Convention to be holden at Paxton on Tueſday the 26th of Septr Curt; then made Choice of Mr Wm Onthank — to attend that buſineſs.

Then by Vote of the town adjourned this Meeting till 5 oClock this day at this place; — Atteſt Elijah Brigham Moderator

Att 5 oClock this day the Meeting being opened, proceeded to buſineſs Viz —

on Artl 2d — The Committee made their Report to the town ~~for~~ after making their Draft for Inſtructions to their Repreſentative which was accepted by the Town.

Then the Town by Vote Diſsolved this Meeting —

Atteſt Elijah Brigham Moderator

Report of the Committee on Capt Wincheſters affair

The Committee choſen to look into the affair of Capt Wincheſter and the Town; made report; and find that Sd Wincheſter is Indebted to the Town Twelve Dollars —

Recorded by Benja Smith Town Clerk

Novr 1786

Worcester ss- To Mr Nathan Bridges Constable for Southborough

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are forthwith required to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified to Vote in town affairs to meet at the publick Meeting house in sd Southborough on Monday the 20th of November Currant at 1 oClock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles Viz

1st To chuse a Moderator for Said Meeting

2dly To se if the town will make any further Grant of Wood to the widow Salter this present Year, or act thereon as the town think fit when met—

3dly To se if the town will allow all town Debts to whom the town is justly indebted; or act thereon as the town think fit when met—

4thly To see if the town will dispose of any property belonging to the town or act thereon as they think fit when met.—

5thly To se if the town will make any inquiry why Ebenr Newton has cut and destroyed so much wood in the Highway, and leaving the brush in the same, or act thereon as they think fit when met—

6thly To se if the town will give their Committee for Supplying the Pulpit any directions for the further Supplying the same, or act thereon as they think fit.—

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant to the Selectmen att or before the time for holding said meeting;—

Given under our hands and seal, Dated att Southborough this 10th Day of Novr AD 1786

By order of the Selectmen Benja Smith Town Clerk

Worcester ss- Return of Warrant — Novr 20th 1786 I have executed this warrant by posting a Coppy of the same according to the Vote of the town—

Pr Nathan Bridges Constable for Southborough

Southborough Novr 20th 1786 The Town being met agreable to warrant proceeded to pass the following Votes — Viz—

Art 1st The Town made choice of Majr Champney Moderator—

on Art 2d Granted to the Widdow Salter Four Cords of Wood for the remaining part of this Year; and it was set up to the lowest bidder, and Mr John Angier bid it of at Six shillings and Fivepence pr Cord—

on Art 3d — Grants of Money — Voted to allow the account presented by the Committee for repairing the Meeting house Thirty Pound four shillings & six pence for the work done and Materials found for that purpose; the Town also Granted to Thos Stone Seven pound seven shillings for boarding Ministers &c and to George Brigham Two pound five shillings and four pence for keeping horses for the Ministers.—

on Art 4th Voted to sell the stuff round the Meeting house that belongs to the town to the highest bidder and it was struck of to Thomas Stone for £2-6-6

Art 5th Passed over

Art 6 Passed over Then Voted to Dissolve this Meeting Attest Jona Champney Moderr

Recorded by Benjn Smith Town Clerk

Decr 1786

Worceſter ſs - To Nathan Bridges Conſtable for Southborough, In the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts you are forthwith required to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Southborough Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to Aſsemble at the Publick Meeting houſe in Sd Town on Monday the 1st day of Janry next at 1 oClock P. M. - then and there to act on the following Articles Viz. —

1st - To chuſe a Moderator for Said Meeting —

2dly - For the Town to hear the addreſs from the General Court to the people

3dly To ſee if the Town will Give their Delegate for the County Convention any Inſtructions, or diſmiſs him and chuſe a new one, or act thereon as the town ſhall think fit when met - —

4ly To ſee if the town will provide any Firewood for the Widdow Joanna Leonard or act thereon as the town ſhall think fit when met - —

5ly - To ſee if the town will Sell or let the Pew the Town took of Paul Newton or act thereon as the town ſhall think fit when met —

6thly To see if the town will Call Peter Fay to an account for his miſdemeanour in Cutting a Large Elm Tree in the road leading from his houſe to Isaac Johnſons, or act thereon as the town ſhall think fit when met

7ly To ſee if the town will allow to Isaac Johnſon Compounded Intereſt on Securities he the Said Johnſon has againſt the town of Southborough or act thereon as the Town ſhall think fit when met - —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for holding Sd meeting — Given under our hands and Seal this 25th day of Decr 1786 - —

Mark Collins Junr Hezh Fay Jona Champney Edmund Chamberlain	Selectmen for Southborough

Worceſter ſs - Southborough Janry 1st 1787 - I have executed the within warrant by poſting a Coppy of the Contents of the Same agreeable to a Vote of Sd Town

Nathan Bridges Conſtable for Southborough

Southborough Janry 1st 1787 The Town being met agreeable to Warrant proceeded to paſs the following Votes — Viz. —

on Art. 1st - The Town made Choice of Elijah Brigham Moderator —

Art 2d - The addreſs being read, paſsed on to the 3d Article. —

Art 3d - Voted to give their Delegate for the County Convention Inſtructions and to Chuſe a Committee of 3 perſons to draft the Same then after that ~~after~~ Voted to diſmiſs their old Delegate and to chuſe a new one and to do it by written Votes. —

Delegate — Then made Choice of Capt. Seth Newton - Delegate to Convention

Committee — The Committee to draft Inſtructions Solomon Newton Jonas Ball and Doctor Parker -

Janry 1st 1787

on Art 4th - Voted to find the Widdow Ioanna Leonard 4 Cords of Wood, and to ſet it up at Vendue to the loweſt bidder, and it Struck of to Edmund Chamberlain at Six ſhillings pr Cord.

5th Art. Leaſe of Pew { Voted to let the Pew as ſet forth in the Warrant for One Year to the higheſt bidder, and it was ſtruck of to Nathan Bridges for Twenty one ſhillings and ſix pence.

on Art 6th - Several Votes being paſſed on this article and long debated upon finally Voted to paſs it over forever -

on Art 7th - Voted to paſs over this Article

Then the Town Voted to adjourn this Meeting till the 24th of Janry Currant at 1 oClock at this place

Atteſt Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Benja Smith Town Clerk

Southborough Janry 24th 1787 At the adjournment of the above Meeting 1 oClock the Town being met proceeded to buſineſs Viz.

on Art 3d - The Committee to Draft Inſtructions for our Delegate in Conventio made their report, which was Excepted by the Town: and then Voted to Diſolve this Meeting

Atteſt Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Benja Smith Town Clerk

Worceſter ſs. L.S. To Mr Nathan Bridges Conſtable for Southborough, in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts, you are forthwith required to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town Quallified to Vote in town affairs, to aſsemble at the Publick Meeting houſe in Said Town on Friday the 26th of this Inſtant Janry at 2 oClock P.M. preciſely to act on the following Articles Viz

1st - For to chuſe a Moderator for Said Meeting

2ly - For the town to hear the requeſt from Colo Wheelock for raiſing Eighteen Men Rank & File and to appoint one Subaltern and one Serjt to march Immediately for Worceſter, and likewiſe to hear a letter from Majr Genll Warner, and act thereon as the Town ſhall think fit when met

Hereof fail not and make due returne of this warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen, at or before the time appointed for holding Said Meeting

Given under our hands and Seal, Dated at Southborough this 26th Day of Janry AD 1787.

Mark Collins Junr
Jona Champney
Edmund Chamberlin
{ Select men for Southborough

N:B: Sir be ſo good as to Warn all the Training Soldiers to appear at time and place above Mentioned

Return of Warrant

Worceſter ſs. Janry 26th 1787 Day 2 Clock P.M. — I have Executed this Warrant by going and ſending word to the Several parts of the Town for the Inhabitants ~~[illegible]~~ of the Town to meet as within Directed.

Nathan Bridges { Conſtable for Southborough

Southborough Janry 26th 1787 The Town being met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant proceeded to buſineſs as follows Viz.

Art. 1st Choſe Jona Champney Moderator

Art. 2d After hearing Colo Wheelocks requeſt read, and Genl Warners Letter. it was Voted that the Selectman should go round and beat up for Volunteirs, & after parading the men none turned out, then tried by Subſcription, and the following perſons Subſcribed One Dollar Each, Viz— Iſaac Johnſon Colo Ward, Majr Champney - Nathan Bridges - Ezra Taylor. — Edmund Chamberlain — Jonas Ball — Samuel Hudſon & Samuel Horn — John Johnſon — Doctr Montague - Reuben Fay — Peter Fay Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting till to morrow 10 oClock A-M- at this place.

Atteſt Jona Champney Moderator

Saterday 10 oClock A-M. at adjournment to this time and place the Town being met proceeded to the buſineſs of the Warrant.

on Art 2d The town Voted to adjourn this Meeting for 1 Hour

Atteſt Jona Champney Moderator

Att Half after 3 oClock the Meeting being opened proceed to buſineſs

on Art 2d A Number of Men turning out to go into the Service made their propoſals to the town, which was, that they ſhould look to the town for their pay, and that the town ſhould advance Nine Shillings pr man before they March.

Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting till Tueſday next at 9 oClock A.M. att this place

Atteſt Jona Champney Modtr

Tueſday 30th of Janry 1787; 9 oClock A-M- at adjournment to this time, the town being met proceeded to adjourn the ſame for one Hour and half to meet att this place.

Atteſt Jona Champney Modtr

Att 2 oClock P-M the Meeting being opened proceeded to the buſineſs of the Warrant.

on Art 2d Voted that if Eighteen men will March according to the Orders from Colo Wheelock Dated Janry 15th 1787 Shall have Six Shillings a Man payed them as a bounty from the Town

Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Benja Smiths Store

Atteſt Jona Champney Modr

Att 6 oClock Same Day the Meeting being opened It was Voted to Diſolve the Meeting

Atteſt Jona Champney Modr

Recorded by Benja Smith Town Clerk

March 3d 1787

Settlement With Treaſurer Collins in the Year 1786

At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 3d 1787 Examined the accounts of Mark Collins Jur Treaſurer for the Town of Southborough in the Year 1786 and find that he has been Charged with the Sum of Three Hundred Thirty Nine Pounds four ſhillings & /7 in State Notes and Orders --- £339-4-7-0
Excluſive of Old Continental paper Money being Nine ℔ Weight
Allſo the further Sum of Six Hundred Sixty Nine Pound Five ſhillings & /1d --- £669-5-1-0

And he hath produced Vouchers to the Amount of Two Hundred Thirty Eight Pound Twelve ſhillings & /6 --- £238-12-6-0
Still remains to Collect --- £430-12-7-0

Which the Said Treaſurer is ſtill Chargeable with

Recorded By order of The Selectmen Benja Smith Town Clerk

Worceſter ſs — To Mr Nathan Bridges Conſtable for Southborough

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſſachuſetts, you are forthwith required to Warn all the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants in Said Town Quallified to Vote in Town affairs; to meet at the publick Meetinghouſe in Said Town on Monday the 5th Day of March Next att 12 oClock att Noon then and there to Act on the following Articles Viz. —

1st — To Chuſe a Moderator for Said Meeting —

2 — For the Town to make Choice of Town Offiicers the Year Enſuing as the Law Directs. —

3 — To Chuſe ſome perſon or perſons to inſpect the Killing of Deer, Contrary to Law. —

4th — To Chuſe Grave Diggers; Pound Keeper, and ſome perſon to Sweep Lock, and Unlock the Meeting Houſe the Year Enſuing —

5th — For the Town to agree upon, and Grant a Sum of Money to repair Highways the Year Enſuing, and allſo State the price of Labour done upon the Same the Year Enſuing. —

6th — To Chuſe a Committee to Hire Schoolmaſters the Year Enſuing —

7th — For the Town to agree upon, and Grant a Sum of Money to pay Schoolmaſters, and other Town Debts the Year Enſuing. —

8th — For the Town to Conſider of, and allow all Town Debts that ſhall be made to appear Juſtly Due at Said Meeting —

9th — For the Town to Chuſe a Committee to Squadron out the Schools for the Year Enſuing if they See Cauſe —

10th For the Town to Determine whether their Swine ſhall run att Large the Year Enſuing. —

11th — To ſee if the Town will Chuſe Collectors the Year Enſuing; or paſs any Vote or Votes as the Town ſhall think fit when met —

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12th - To ſee if the Town will Abate the Rates ſet to Wm McFall in a Liſt of Aſſeſsment Committed to Nathan Bridges to Collect in the Year 1784 being Fourteen ſhillings & three pence; or Act thereon as the Town think fit when met

13th - To ſee if the Town will Diſcontinue and make Sale to David Fay of a Road Leading from the County Road from the Top of Mathew's Hill so called to the road leading from Elijah Brighams to Weſtborough, or act thereon as the Town ſhall think fit when met

14th - To ſee if the Town will abate part of the Rates ſet to Moſes Bruce and part of the Rates ſet to Joſhua Kendal in the Liſt of Aſſeſsment Committed to Jotham Bellows to Collect for the Year 1782 or ~~act~~ Act thereon as the Town think fit when met

15th - For the town to See what they will do with John Johnſon as an Highway Surveyor for the Year 1786; he not being able to ſettle with the Selectmen at their meeting, or act thereon as the Town think fit when met

16th - For the Town to see if they will give Liberty for each Squadron to draw their proportion of Money for Schooling in the Year 1784 - or act thereon as the Town think fit when met

17th To ſee if the Town will Grant the Widdow Salter any Wood the preſent Year; or act thereon as the Town think fit

18th - To see if the Town will Sell and Diſcontinue a part of a Road Leading from Bezaleel Walkers to Stoney Brook so called; or paſs any Vote or Votes as the Town ſhall think fit when met

19th - To see if the Town will give their Repreſentative any further, or particular Inſtructions for the preſent Year; or act thereon as the Town think fit when met

20th - To see if the town will Sell and Diſcontinue any part of a Road Leading from Doctr Montagues, to Jotham Bellows's; or act thereon as the Town think fit when met

21st - To see if the town will lay out a Road from the end of the Road, as it uſed to be trod, leading from where Wm Lewis uſed to live into the other road by Phinehas Beamiſs to Johnſons Mill; or act thereon as the town think fit when met

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Selectmen, att or before the time for holding Said Meeting -

Given under our Hands and Seal this 19th Day of Febry AD 1787

By order of the Selectmen; Benja Smith Town Clerk

Worceſter ſs. - March 5th 1787; I have Executed this Warrant by Poſting a Coppy of the Contents of the Same according to the Vote of the Town

Nathan Bridges Conſtable for Southborough

March 5th 1787

Southborough March 5th 1787 at their Annual Meeting in Said Town this day the Town being Aſsembled they proceeded to the buſineſs of the Warrant as Follows viz.

on Art 1st Choſe Elijah Brigham Moderator for the Meeting —

Art. 2d 6) Wardeens	Paſsed over for the preſent
Selectmen	Elijah Brigham Nathan Bridges Jonathan Champney Mark Collins Junr. Hezekiah Fay
Town Clerk	Benjamin Smith
Treaſurer	Mark Collins Junr.

Voted to paſs to the 11th Article which paſsed in the Negative

Conſtable	Jonas Ball — Choſen the 15th Day
Aſseſsors	Abner Parker, Mark Collins Junr., Hezh. Fay,
Tithingmen	Heman Fay; Zaccheus Witherbee; Joel Brewer;
Surveyors of Highways	David Peirce Eaſt End Benjamin Smith Centre Joſiah Newton South Side James Williams Weſt End. Samuel Hudſon Junr. Serves in his room, being Excepted by the town, and Sworn —
Field Drivers	Joſeph Onthank; Trowbridge Taylor, — Choſen the 8th Day —
Sealor of Leather	Samuel Hudſon Junr.
Surveyor of Lumber	Nathan Bridges
Hoggreeves	Joſeph Johnſon, Joſeph Graves Junr. not Sworn Nehemiah Parker, Benjn. Smith, Saml. Horn —
Fence Viewers	Edmund Chamberlain, Jonas Ball & Saml. Horn —
Overſeers of the Poor	Capt. Nathan Brigham John Johnſon George Brigham

March 5th 1787

on Art. 3 Choſe Daniel Johnſon to inſpect the killing of Deer Contrary to Law the Year Enſuing — —

Art 4th – Grave Diggers } Benja Smith
Phinehas Brigham

Pound keeper } Benja Smith

Sweeper of the Meeting houſe Locking and unlocking the Same the Year Enſuing } Nicholas Hopping } —

Art 5th – Grant of money to repair Highways — Voted to Grant the Sum of Forty Pound to repair Highways the Year Enſuing and that the price of labour be as it was the laſt Year which was Three Shillings Pr Day –

£40 – 0 – 0

Art 6th – Committee to hire Schoolmaſt. — Voted to chuſe a Committee of 5 perſons to hire a Schoolmaſter or Schoolmaſters the Year Enſuing; then made Choice of Jonas Ball Solomon Newton, Lemuel Chamberlain, Edmund Chamberlain & George Brigham; — —

7th – Grant of Money — Voted to Grant the Sum of £40 for the purpoſe of paying Schoolmaſters the Year Enſuing, and the further Sum of £30 to pay all Town Debts for the preſent Year. –

8th – Paſsed over for the preſent. –

9th – Committee to Squadron the Schools — Voted to chuſe a Committee of 4 perſons to Squadron out the Schools; then Choſe, Solomon Newton, Jonas Ball, Capt. Seth Newton & Jona Champney,

10th – Voted to let their Swine run at large the Year enſuing. —
Paſsed in the Negative

11th Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting till Thurſday next at 1 o'Clock at this place, Atteſt Elijah Brigham Moderator

March 8th 1787 at Adjournment of this Meeting to this time and place the Town proceeded to the buſineſs of the Warrant as follows Viz —

Art 12th – Voted to abate the Rates ſet to Wm Mc Fall in a liſt of Aſseſsment Committed to Nathan Bridges to Collect. –

Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting till Next Monday at 1 o'Clock at this place
Atteſt Elijah Brigham Modr

Monday March 12th 1787 The Town met agreeable to adjournment and proceeded to buſineſs as follows

Art 13th – Sale of Road to David Fay — Voted to diſcontinue and ſell to David Fay the land as ſet forth in the Warrant he being obliged to maintain Bars, or Gates, for the benefit of paſsing and repaſsing, through the Same, he paying therefor the Sum of One Pound Sixteen Shillings on demand, by his Security to the Treaſurer £1 – 16 – 0 – 0

March 12th 1787

Art 14th } Paſsed over finally - - - -

15th Voted that John Johnſon a Surveyor of highways for the Year 1786 (he neglecting working out his Rate committed to him to do) Shall do it this Spring, as soon as may be; in order for Settlement -

Art 16th - Voted that the Eaſt Squadron, draw their proportion of Money for the purpoſe of Schooling, in the Year 1784, Viz - the remaining part of what was not Expended for that purpoſe -

17th - { Voted and granted to the Widdow Dilliverance Salter 3 Cords of Wood for the preſent Year. -

18th - Sale of road to David Fay } Voted to Diſcontinue and Sell to David Fay, that part of the road as ſet forth in the Warrant, he paying therefor the Sum of One Pound Eight ſhillings L. My - - - - - £1::8-0-0

(19th - Paſsed over forever. -

20th - Sale of road to Doct. Montague } Voted to Diſcontinue and make Sale of that part of the road as mentioned in the Warrant to Doctr Uriel Montague, he paying therefor the Sum of Five ſhillings £0-5-0-0

21st - Paſsed over finally - - - -

On Art 2d - Voted to Chuſe Conſtables, and that Twelve Dollars be excepted as a turn, by the Town, and that whoever pays the Twelve Dollars it ſhall then be ſet up at Vendue to the loweſt bidder, he or they procuring Sufficient Bondſmen; - -

Then Choſe James Onthank and Eliſha Fay. -

Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting till Thurſday next at 1 o'Clock at this place - - - -

Elijah Brigham Moderator

Thurſday 1 o'Clock at adjournment the Town proceeded to the buſineſs of the Warrant - Viz -

On Art 2d - James Onthank & Eliſha Fay, Choſen Conſtables the other Meeting concluded to pay the Twelve Dollars agreeable to the Vote of the Town as their turn, then it was Voted to ſet up the Collection of the money on the Pound to the loweſt bidder, the Eaſt end ſet up firſt, and Reuben Fay Bid it of at Six pence one Farthing on the Pound, and Eliſha Fay for the Weſt end bid it of at Five pence one farthing on the pound, the Bondſmen for Reuben Fay; Ezra Taylor & Ezra Newton; & the bondſmen for Eliſha Fay; Deacn John Fay, & Nathan Bridges; then Voted to chuſe

Conſtable } but one Conſtable; then Choſe Jonas Ball; and at the adjournment of this Meeting it was Voted that James Onthank Give his Note to Reuben Fay and that Eliſha Fay be not oblidged to give his Note to the Treaſurer

on Art 9th grant of Money } Granted the following Sums of Money Viz: To Nathan Fay £0-9-10

To George Brigham	0-8-8
- Nicholas Hopping	0-12-0
- Mark Collins Jur	1-8-0
- Thos Stone	1-10-6
Capt Seth Newton	0-2-6
Peter Fay	0-7-6
Peter Fay	0-9-0

March 16th 1787

On an account presented to the Town by Capt Winchester, it was Voted to leave the Same with a Committee of 3 persons, to Determine the matter, on the Towns part, chose Doctr Parker & Ezra Taylor; on Winchesters part Solomon Newton, who are to make report at or before May Meeting

Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting till Friday the 23d of March at 1 o'Clock at this place

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Friday March 23d 1787 At the adjournment of this Meeting the town being met, they proceeded as follows Viz

on Arte 2 Chose Daniel Graves and Saml Hudson Jur Wardens

Voted to Set up the Burying Yard to the highest bidder, Struck of to Samuel Horn for Six Shillings, he being oblidged to keep up the Bars

NB all the Town officers for the present Year have taken the Usual Oaths according to Law, except Joel Brewer as Tithingman, and Joseph Graves Jur as Hogreef, and Danll Graves & Saml Hudson Jur as Wardeens

The Town then Voted to Dissolve this Meeting

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Worcester ss

To Mr Nathan Bridges Constable for Southborough

(15) In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
you are required to warn all the Freeholders &
other Inhabitants of sd Town qualified to vote in town
affairs to meet at the public meeting house in sd
town on Wednesday the 7th day of March next at
3 o'Clock P.M. then & there to act on the following
Articles, Viz

1. To chose a Moderator for sd meeting
2. To hear a petition of Trowbridge Taylor, then and there to be laid before the Town, & to act thereon or pass any vote, or votes relating to the same as the town shall think fit when met.

Given* under our hands & seal this 28th day of Feby in the Year of our Lord AD 1787

By order of the Select-men Benja Smith Town Clerk

* Hereof fail not, & make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Select-men, at or before the time of holding sd meeting

Worceſter ſs. March 7th 1787 - I have executed the within Warrant by Poſting a Coppy of the Same, agreeable to a Town Vote ——

Nathan Bridges Conſtable for Southborough

Southborough March 7th 1787 At a Meeting of Said Town this day the Town proceeded to the buſineſs of the Warrant Viz ——

Art. 1st Made Choice of Nathan Bridges Moderator for the Meeting

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting till tomorrow 4 o'Clock att this place —— Atteſt Nathan Bridges Moderator -

Thurſday 8th March 1787, 4 o'Clock, the Meeting being opened proceeded to act as followes Viz ——

Art. 2d Voted to croſs the Rates Set to Trowbridge Taylor, in a liſt of Aſseſsment Committed to Jotham Bellows & Paul Newton to Collect, The Town Standing Chargeable to the Sd Conſtables for the payment, Said Taylor giving his Security to the town for the payment thereof, he having the Liberty to pay the ſame in Certificates which ſhall be excepted by the Town. ——

Then Voted to Diſsolve this Meeting ——

Nathan Bridges Moderator

Town Officers taking the Oath of Allegiance

Worceſter ſs. Southborough April 2d 1787 ——

I hereby Certifiey that Elijah Brigham, Nathan Bridges, Jonathan Champney, Mark Collins Junr Hezekiah Fay Select-men of Said Southborough for AD 1787 Mark Collins Junr as Treaſurer, Mark Collins Junr Hezekiah Fay & Abner Parker Aſseſsors for Said Southborough, & Jonas Ball Conſtable for Sd Town, and Elisha Fay, with Reuben Fay, Collectors of Taxes for Said Southborough for AD 1787 Perſonally appeared, and took and Subſcribed the Oath of Allegiance, as in the Conſtitution of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts

Before Jona Ward Jus. Pacis ——

NB Benja. Smith as Town Clerk took the aboveſaid Oath in the Town of Worceſter, March 30th 1787 and a Certificate thereof given by the aboveſaid Jona Ward Eſqr ——

Worceſter ſs. — To Mr Jonas Ball Conſtables for Southborough ——

(L.S.) In the Name of the Common-wealth of Maſsachuſetts, you are required to warn all the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of Sd Town, Qualified to Vote for Governour, Lieut. Governour & Senators; to Aſsemble at the Publick Meeting-houſe, in Said Town, on Monday the 2d day of April next at 1 o'Clock P.M. to act on the following Articles Viz ——

1st For the Town to bring in their Votes for Governour, Lieut. Governour and Senators agreeable to the Conſtitution

April Warrant 1787

2d — To Chuſe a Moderator for the remaining part of the Warrant.

3d — To ſee if the Town will diſmiſs the preſent Committee for ſupplying the Pulpit, and chuſe a new one, or act thereon, as the town ſhall think fit when m

4th — To ſee if the town will chuſe a Committee to examine all town Debts, and allow the ſame, if they appear juſtly due; or act thereon, as the town think fi when met.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Select-men, at or before the time for holding ſaid Meeting.

Given under our hands & Seal this 23d day of March in the Year of our Lord AD 1787.

By order of the Select-men Benja Smith Town Clerk

Worceſter ſs. April 2d 1787 — I have warned the Inhabitants of Southborough, Qualified, as within mentioned, to meet at time and place as within Directed; Jonas Ball Conſtable for Southborough

Southborough April 2d 1787 — The town met agreeable to Warrant, and proceeded to the buſineſs thereof as follows Viz.

on Art. 1st Governour	John Hancock Eſqr	74 Votes
	James Bowdoin Eſqr	5 do
	Honble Benja Lincoln	1 do
Lieut Govr	Thomas Cuſhing Eſqr	78 Votes
	Nathaniel Gorham Eſqr	2 do
1st Senator	Jonathan Grout	68 Votes
	Moſes Gill	3 do
	Seth Waſhburn	1 do
	Jonathon Warner	3 do
2d Senator	Samuel Curtis	64 Votes
	Abel Wilder	1 do
	Moſes Gill	1 do
	Samuel Baker	2 do
3d Senator	John Feſſenden	56 Votes
	Iſrael Nichols	2 do
	Seth Waſhburn	1 do
4th Senator	Peter Penniman	67 Votes
	Seth Waſhburn	1 do
	Abel Wilder	1 do
5th Senator	Amos Singletary	56 Votes
	Seth Waſhburn	1 do
	Abel Wilder	1 do
	Rufus Putnam	1 do

on Art. 2d — The Town made choice of Elijah Brigham Moderator for the Meeting.

Committee for Supplying the Pulpit 3d — Voted to diſmiſs the old Committee for Supplying the pulpit, and chuſe a new one, and that it conſiſt of three perſons; then made Choice of Aſahel Mathews — Lieut. Wm Collins & Thomas Stone Committee for that purpoſe.

Art. 4th — Paſt in the Negative

Then Voted to diſſolve this Meeting — Atteſt Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Benja Smith Town Clerk

May Warrant 1787

Worcester ſs — To Mr Jonas Ball Conſtable for Southborough —

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts, you are forthwith required to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said town Qualified to Vote for a Repreſentative to meet at the publick Meeting houſe in Said Southborough on Monday the 7th Day of May Next at 1 O'Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles Viz —

Art 1st For the Town to bring in their Votes for a Repreſentative agreeable to the Conſtitution of this Common-wealth — —

Art 2d To chuſe a Moderator for the remaining part of this Warrant — —

Art 3d To See if the Town will Purchaſe the Real Eſtate of Thomas Stone if he is diſpoſed to Sell the same or in what way and manner the Town will Grant him Relief, or paſs any Vote or Votes, as the Town ſhall think fit when met —

Art 4th For the Town to allow all Town Debts to whom the town is juſtly indebted —

Art 5th To See if the Town will Clear the Incumbrance out of the Road leading from Wm Onthanks by Peter Brewers, or act thereon as the Town ſhall think fit when met — — — — — — —

Art 6th To See what method the Town will come into for Supplying the Treaſurer with Money, or paſs any Vote or Votes relating the Same, as the Town ſhall think fit when met — — — — — —

Art 7th For the Town to hear the report of the Committee for Viewing Roads, and act thereon as the Town ſhall think fit when met — — — —

Art 8th To See if the Town will Determine by Vote where the Propriators of the New Stables ſhall set their Horſe Block or act thereon as the Town ſhall think fit when met: — — — — — —

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon unto the Select-men at or before the time for holding Said Meeting

Given under our hands and Seal this 23d day of April AD 1787

By order of the Select-men Benja Smith Town Clerk

Worcester ſs — April 25th 1787 — — I have warned all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Southborough Qualified to Vote for a Repre=ſentative, to meet at time and place within mentioned as within directed —

Jonas Ball Conſtable for Southborough

Southborough May 7th 1787 The Town met purſuant to the Warrant and proceeded to the buſineſs thereof as follows Viz —

on Art 1st The Town made Choice of Capt Seth Newton to Repreſent them in the Great & Genl Court for the Year Enſuing — — —

on Art 2d Made Choice of Elijah Brigham Moderator for the remainder of the Meeting

on Art 3d Voted to chuſe a Committee of Three perſons to converſe with Mr Stone then Choſe Isaac Johnſon, Mark Collins Junr & Jonas Ball who are to report to the Town in half an Hour; The Committee after Converſing with Mr Stone made report that he aſks Four Hundred Pound for the place, but chuſes that the Town should make him some offer; the Town then Voted to purchaſe the Real Eſtate of Thomas Stone at some price or other; and to Chuſe a Committee to agree with Mr Stone about the price and to apprize the same and report to the Town at a future meeting, and that the Committee conſiſt of Seven perſons, then they made choice of Capt Seth Newton, Nathan Bridges, Jonas Ball Col. Ward, Elijah Brigham, George Brigham and Peter Fay — —

Committee to converse with Thos Stone and agree with him and to apprize his Real Estate

On May Warrant 1787

Town Debts

on Art. 4th	The Town Granted to Mark Collins Jun.	£0..6..0
	Granted to Benja. Smith	0..2..8
	to Thomas Stone	0..10..0
	to Abner Parker	2..0..4
	to Hezekiah Fay	1..13..4
	to Mark Collins Jun.	1..13..4
	to Zacheus Witherbee	1..6..0

on Art. 5th – Voted to Chuſe a Committee on this article to clear the Incumbrance out of the Road leading from Wm Onthanks by Peter Brewers, and that it conſist of Three perſons, then Choſe David Peirce, Capt. Nathan Brigham, and Jonas Ball, for that purpoſe —

on Art. 6th – Voted to leave the matter of this article with the Treaſurer to Collect the Money which is to be paid in to him, as ſoon as may be —

Report of a Committee for Viewing Roads

on Art. 7th – The Report of the Committee for Viewing Roads in the Town of Southborough being applied to by Elijah Brigham to View and apprize part of the road or Town way, leading from Stoney Brook Northerly of Abner Wards towards Sd Brighams Houſe; we find that the way is wider than is Neceſsary for the good of the Publick, therefore wee are of opinion that part of it may be Diſcontinued as a way and Sold to the aboveſaid Brigham; the Land is bounded as follows, Beginning at a Stone by the side of the Stone Wall near the Cauſway of the Sd Brook, and runs Southerly 20 Rods to a Stake and Stones where it is 1 Rod & 16 Links wide. thence Still Southerly 28 Rods to a faſt rock where it is one Rod wide against Sd Brighams land, thence Continues 10 rods till it strikes his Wall, on the easterly of the way aforeſaid; the way is left full Two Rods wide in all places, and some three rods wide against the above deſcribed land; the Land Contains Fifty Eight Rods and is apprized at Thirty Three Shillings — £1..13..0 —

£1-13..0

Nathan Bridges
Jonas Ball
Committee for Southborough

Southborough May 1st 1787

The report of the above Committee was read, and excepted by the Town —

on Art. 8th – Voted to chuſe a Committee of three perſons on this article, then Choſe Capt. Newton Capt. Brigham & Daniel Johnſon, who made report that the proprietors of the Sd Stables move the Stone from where it now lies, about One Rod to the South; which was excepted by the Town —

The Committee choſen to inquire into the affair of Capt. Winchester & the Town, deſiring further time to settle with him before they made report, and that there might be more added to the Committee, the Town granted their requeſt and Voted to add Three perſons more, then Choſe Capt. Newton, Jonas Ball, & Mark Collins Jun. and to make report at a future Meeting

Then the Town Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the 21st Day of May Current at 2 oClock at this place —

Atteſt – Elijah Brigham Moderator

May 21st 1787 The Town met agreeable to adjournment and proceeded to adjourn the Same for One Hour at this place —

Elijah Brigham Moderator

At adjournment of this Meeting 3 oClock at this place May 21st 1787 the Town then proceeded to the buſineſs of the Warrant Viz —

Voted to give their Repreſentative Inſtructions for this Year, and to Chuſe a Committee of Five perſons to Draft the Same, and to lay it before the Town at the adjournment of this Meeting for their acceptance — Turn over

On May Warrant - 787

Committee for giving their Repreſentative Inſtructions

The Committee for giving their Repreſentative Inſtructions were Cho
by the Town as follows Viz— — — — Doctr James Parker
Jonas Ball
Aſahel Mathews
Solomon Newton
Majr Jona Champney

on Art. 3d After all the Votes paſsed on this Article the Town finally Voted to Reconſider all the Votes paſsed upon the Same— — —

The Town then Voted to adjourn this Meeting till Thurſday the 31st of May next; at 3 oClock P. M. to meet at this place — —

Elijah Brigham Moderator—

May 31st 1787. the Town met agreable to adjournment and proceeded to hear the report of the Committee for drafting Inſtructions for their Repreſentative read, which was accepted by the Town; — —

in Art. 3d — Voted to Grant Thomas Stone some Relief for the loſs he has Suſtained by having his Houſe burnt; and that it be done by way of Contribution

Then Voted to Diſolve this Meeting— — — —

Atteſt Elijah Brigham Moderator

Inſtructions to our Repreſentative

To Capt. Seth Newton, Repreſentative for the Town of Southborough— — — —

Sir—

The general voice of us your Conſtituents in your Election . is Sufficient Evidence of our Confidence in your abilities & Integrity to perform the truſt repoſed in you, We are ſenſible your taſk will be great and arduous, in this day of Civil diſcord, Confuſion, & Diſtraction & though, in many caſes we ~~think it beſt~~ muſt depend intirely on your Penetration, Wiſdom & prudence, Yet, in ſome Caſes we think it beſt to Inſtruct you, what part we could wiſh you to take, and—

1st — We deſire you to uſe your beſt endeavours to have the Genl Court removed out of the Town of Boſton, if any other place may be found where they can tranſact the affairs of the Commonwealth; —

2dly With regard to the Inſurgents, we apprehend that a final period may be put to the late, and an effectual Bar laid againſt any further Inſurrection, by granting a general pardon and Indemnity, inaſmuch as many of thoſe perſons have been miſlead & Guided, and have, and are returning to their Duty as good Citizens; and tho' their conduct is by no means defenſible or Juſtifiable, Yet we humbly conceive that mercy ſhown, in the preſent unhappy Situation of publick affairs, will not only kindle their Gratitude into an ardent flame, but allſo Quench the remaining Coals of Treaſon & Rebellion; but that Severity will implant, Water & nouriſh, Combination, Envy, & Revenge, whence the at preſent Sparks of Diſaffection will burſt forth into an unquenchable Conflagration. We think that a General pardon may, ſometimes, be Conſiſtant with the Dignity of Government, & Inſtead of weakening, ~~the Nerves~~ may brace the Nerves of the body Politick— — —

3dly To ſell our Eaſtern Lands and pay our Debts thereby. — — —

4thly To repeal the Diſqualifying Act, as allſo the Act for Suſpending the Writ of Habeas Corpus. —

5thly That the Troops in the pay of the Common wealth, be immediately Diſbanded. —

6^ly That some effectual meaſures may be taken to prevent the Exportation of Wool & Flax, and Suitable encouragement be given to our own Manufactures —

7^ly That the Mode of Taxation be altered, taking it off in part, from the Land, & laying Duties & Impoſt, on imported goods, oblidging Traders & Shopkeepers to take Licence as much as Innholders & Retailors; and very large Duties laid on unneceſsary Imported articles, and the aforeſaid Duties to be paid by the perſon expoſing the aforeſaid articles to Sale; —

8^thly To come into some meaſures to regulate the practice of Lawyers or Gent^m at the Bar. —

9^ly To conſider of some further meaſures relating to the Regulating or annihilating the Court of Common Pleas. —

10^ly To come into every needful meaſure to Support, and maintain the Confederacy of the United States, & put into the power of Congreſs to fulfill, as far, & as soon as poſsible their Engagements with our Allies. —

James Parker
Asahel Mathews
Jonas Ball
Solomon Newton
Jon^a Champney
} Committee

Recorded by Benj^a Smith Town Clerk —

Worceſter ſs — To M^r Jonas Ball Conſtable for Southborough —

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts, you are forthwith required to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants in the Town of Southborough, Qualified to Vote in Town affairs, to meet at the publick Meeting houſe in Said Town, on Monday the 21 day of May Currant at 3 oClock P. M. then and there to act on the following Articles Viz —

1^st To Chuſe a Moderator for the Meeting —

2^d For the town to se if they will repair the Cornmill lately belonging to Andrew Newton, or Act thereon as the town think fit when met

3^d To see if the Town will except of a Liſt of Jurors, then to be laid before them, for the preſent Year, or act thereon as the Town think fit when met

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Select-men at or before the time for holding Said Meeting —

Given under our hands and Seal this 7^th Day of May AD 1787 —

By order of the Select-men Benj^a Smith Town Clerk

Worceſter ſs — May 21^st 1787 — In obedience to the within Warrant I have warned the inhabitants of Southborough as within directed

Jonas Ball } Conſtable for Southboro

May 1787

Southborough May 21st 1787 The Town met agreeable to Warrant and proceed to the buſineſs thereof as follows Viz—

on Artl 1st Choſe Jonathan Champney Moderator.—

on Art 2d - Voted to chuſe a Committee of three perſons, then made choice of Nathan Bridges, Jonas Ball, & Ezra Taylor, and that they be impowered to take a Deed running to the Town Treaſurer or his Succeſsors in sd office for the uſe of the Town

On Art 3d Voted to accept the List of Jurors as it now ſtands.

Then voted to adjourn this meeting to 31st of May at 4 Clock P.M. at this place

Jonathan Champney Modr

May 31st 1787 At Adjournment 4 oClock P.M. the meeting being opened proceeded to chuse another Moderator Jona Champney not being present; made choice of Elijah Brigham Moderator for the remaining part of the meeting—

On Art. 2d Voted to accept of the Report of the Committee on this Article; which report was not to repair the Corn Mill & Iron works lately belonging to Andrew Newton: then voted to diſsolve this meeting—

Elijah Brigham Moderator

At the adjournment of this meeting the Committee on Winchesters Affair & the Town, made Report which was accepted by the Town.—

Recorded by Benja Smith T. Clerk

June 18th 1787 The Select-Men gave an Order to the South ſide Squadren Viz. Elisha Bemis & Zacheus Wetherbee to draw £. 18„5„10½ they being Committee choſen by ſaid ſquadren to draw the ſame.—

July 6th 1787 The Selectmen Gave a Note to John Johnſon of Twenty Pound five Shillings L. M. it being a Soldier Note in Favour of Henry Collins; with the Intereſt added, to the above date.

£ 20„5„0

July 23d 1787 The Selectmen delivered and Order to Mark Collins Sir Treaſurer of Four Pounds it being for Four Quarterly Rents found Nicholas Mopping for which he ſtands Chargeable to the Town

£ 4„0„0

Worcester ſs. To Mr Jonas Ball Conſtable for Southborough—
In the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts you are forthwith required to warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants in the Town of Southborough Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to aſsemble at the Publick Meeting houſe in Sd Town on Monday the 23d day of July Currant at 3 oClock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles Viz —

1st To chuſe a Moderator for the Meeting —

2d For to ſee if the Town will Join with the Church to give Mr Enoch Pond of Wrentham in the County of Suffolk, a call to Settle in the Goſpel Miniſtry over the Church & Congregation in Said Town, or paſs any Vote or Votes as the town ſhall think fit when met. — —

3dly To see if the Town will abate the Rates Set to Joshua Kendal in a list of Aſseſsment Committed to Benja Parker to Collect for the Year 1781, or act thereon as the town think fit when met

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen, on or before the time for holding Sd Meeting —

Given under our hands & Seal this 6th day of July AD 1787

By order of the Selectmen Benja Smith Town Clerk

Worcester ſs- July 9th 1787 By Virtue of the within warrant, Warned all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Southborough Qualified to Vote in town affairs to aſsemble at time and place within mentioned as within Directed — — — —

Jonas Ball Conſtable for Southborough

Southborough July 23d 1787 The Town met agreeable to Warrant & proceeded to the buſineſs thereof as follows Viz —

Art 1st — Made choice of Elijah Brigham Moderator —

2d - Paſsed over for the present

3d - Voted not to abate the Rates set to Joshua Kendal in a list of Aſseſsment committed to Benja Parker to Collect and that the Treaſurer shall not iſsue his Execution againſt Sd Parker for the present — —

on Art 2d - After debating upon this article, the houſe was divided and on Counting the Voters it was found that there was Twenty three for, & Thirty Eight, againſt giving the aboveſaid Enoch Pond a Call — —

Then Voted to Diſsolve this Meeting
Atteſt Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Benja Smith Town Clerk

Septr. 1787

Worceſter ſs. To Mr Jonas Ball Constable for Southborough.

L.S.

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts you are forthwith required to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town Quallified to Vote in Town Meeting, to Aſsemble at the Publick Meetinghouſe in Said town, on Monday the Tenth day of Septr Next, at 1 oClock P. M. then and there to act on the following Articles Viz.

1st To chuſe a Moderator for Said Meeting

2d To see if the Church and Town will Compromiſe, and settle some matters of Diſpute Subſiſting between them, or paſs any Vote or Votes, relative to the Same when met.

3d To see if the Town will chuſe a Committee to request Capt. William Wincheſter's acceptance or non-acceptance of the Award made out by the Committe for Settling the matter in Diſpute between Said Wincheſter and the Town, or act thereon as the Town shall think fit when met.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen, at or before the time of holding Said Meeting. Given under our hand and Seal, at Southborough this Twenty Seventh day of August AD 1787.

Elijah Brigham
Nathan Bridges
Jon.a Champney
Mark Collins Jur.
Hezekiah Fay
} Selectmen for Southborough

Worceſter ſs. Septr 3d 1787 — I have executed this Warrant as within Directed.

Jonas Ball } Conſtable for Southborough

Southborough Septr 10th 1787 — The Town met agreeable to Warrant and proceeded to paſs the following Votes thereon Viz.

On Art. 1st Made choice of Jon.a Champney Moderator

Art. 2d Paſt over for the preſent.

Committee on Wincheſter affair

3d Voted to chuſe a Committee of 3 perſons to requeſt an anſw from Capt. Wincheſter agreable to the warrant. then Choſe Elijah Brigham. Mark Collins Jur. and Capt. Seth Newton.

on Art. 2d Voted to Diſsolve this Meeting

Atteſt Jon.a Champney Moderator

Recorded by Benj.a Smith Town Clerk

Octr 22d 1787

Worceſter ſs

To Mr Jonas Ball Conſtable for Southboro

(L.S.)

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts, you are forthwith required to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town, Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to Aſsemble at the Publick Meeting house in Sd Southborough on Monday the 22d Day of October Currant at 1 o'Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles, (Viz)

1st To chuſe a Moderator for Said Meeting

2ly To see if the Town are Satiſfied with hearing Mr Cotton, and are ready to give him a Call to Settle with us as a Goſpel Miniſter, or paſs any Vote or Votes relative to Setling a Miniſter as the Town Shall think fit when met.

3dly To se if the Town will Sink any part of the Rates ſet to Asahel Moore in a Liſt of Aſseſsment Committed to Nathan Bridges to Collect in the Year 1786 or act thereon as the Town Shall think fit when met.

4ly To see what Inſtructions the Town will give their Committee for carrying on the Law Suit between Southborough & Barre Relative to the Support of Eunice Amſden, and act thereon as the Town think fit when met

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for holding Said Meeting.

Given under our hands and Seal at Southborough this Firſt day of Octr AD 1787

Nathan Bridges
Jona Champney
Mark Collins Junr
Hezekiah Fay
} Selectmen for Southborough

Worceſter ſs Octr 22d 1787

I have Duly Executed this Warrant as within Directed.

Jonas Ball } Conſtable for Southborough

Southborough Octr 22d 1787 – The Town being met according to the Warrant, proceeded to act as follows (Viz)

on Art 1st – Made Choice of Elijah Brigham Moderator

Art 2d – Paſsed over for the preſent – – –
Returned again to the 2d Article, and after Counting the Voters it was found that Sixty Two Voted their Satiſffaction in hearing Mr Colton & to give him a Call; and Six not Satiſffied and 2 not acting either way – – – –

Committee to Draft Mr Coltons Call – Then Voted to chuſe a Committee to conſiſt of Seven perſons of the Town and Church then Choſe Colo Ward Peter Clark Docr James Parker Nathan Bridges Jonas Ball Elijah Brigham and Isaac Johnſon as a Committee to form a Call for Mr Colton and likewiſe to State his Settlement and Salary – – – –

3d – Voted not to Sink any part of Asahel Moore's Rates in Nathan Bridges Liſt of Aſseſsment – – –

Art 4th – Paſsed over finally – – – –
Then Voted to Adjourn this Meeting Three Weeks from this day then to meet at 1 Clock at this place –

Atteſt Elijah Brigham Moderator

Monday Novr 12th 1787 The Town being met according to Adjournment, proceeded to Act as follow (Viz) –

on Art 3d – Asahel Moore again Renewed his requeſt to have a part of his Rates abated, and a Vote being paſsed upon the same it paſsed in the Negati[illegible] – – –

on Art 2d – The Committee chosen to Draft a Call for Mr Colton brought in their Report, which was Excepted by the Town and Church with only Four Diſsenters. – – –

Then Voted to chuſe a Committee of the Town, to Join with the Churches Committee, to preſent to Mr Colton his Call, then the Town made Choice of Elijah Brigham Jonas Ball & Jona Champney for that purpoſe –

Then by Vote of the Town this Meeting was Diſolved –

Atteſt Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Benja Smith Town Clerk

Novr 12th 1787

Mr Coltons Call

At a Legal Town Meeting holden in the Town of Southborough in in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of Massachusetts the Twelfth Day of November in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty Seven; — —

The Church of Christ in Said Town of Southborough acting this day in Joint Union with the other Inhabitants in Said Town who are duly Qualified to Vote in Town Meeting, Having taken into Consideration the Necessity of having a Gospel Minister of Jesus Christ Settled in Said Town again, and having had Mr Abishai Colton of Long Meadow in the County of Hampshire preaching with us on probation, and hoping he will answer the great purposes of a Gospel Minister of Jesus Christ, the Grace of God enabling him thereto, have thought fit to and accordingly hereby do Elect and make Choice of and invite and call upon the Said Abishai Colton to settle and be ordained in the Sacred work and labour of of a Gospel Minister of Jesus Christ over Said Church & people of Said Southborough and in holy boldness and Godly - meekness and Candor to receive the Charge over them in the Lord, not Lording it over Gods Heritage, but discharging the Various duties appertaining to the Office of a Gospel Minister according to the Rules laid down in the word of God contained in the old and new Testament, Studying to shew himself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of Truth, and Administring the Seals of the Covenant of Grace (Viz) Baptism and the Lords Supper, to the proper Subjects of the Same; —

Which Call is on Condition, and provided you the Said Abishai Colton shall not at any time Claim to your self, or exercise any power or right of Negativing the Church in any matter of Church Discipline, or in Governing the affairs of Said Church:

And further on Condition, you the Said Abishai Colton accept of Said Call, and being ordained over Said Inhabitants of Said Town, it is Agreed, Voted, & Granted by Said Inhabitants who are Legal Voters, now Assembled in Town Meeting in Said Town that there shall be Granted, levied, Assessed & raise on the Poles & Rateable Estates in and of Said Town of Southborough the following Sums of Money for Settlement & Sallary to be paid to you for your Reward for your Services & labour in the work of a Gospel Minister aforesaid in Said Town. (Namely) in the following manner, and the Money which is to be paid, is to be in Silver, at Six Shillings & Eight pence the Ounce or in any other legal and lawful Mony of this Commonwealth Equivolent to the Same

Namely for a Settlement One Hundred & Fifty Pounds, the one half of which being Seventy five Pounds to be paid you within One Year from and after your being ordained as aforesaid over Said Inhabitants, and the other half of the Same being Seventy Five pounds to be paid you at the Expiration of Two Years from and after your being Ordained as aforesaid, all without Interest, provided nevertheless if you the Said Abishai Colton shall be removed from the work of the Gospel Ministry in Said Town, any otherways than by death within Two Years next after your being ordained, you in that Case are and shall not be intituled to, nor receive any more of the above Settlement, than the first half part, being Seventy five pounds, any thing herein Contained, to the Contrary Notwithstanding. — — — —

And for Salary the Sum of Seventy Five pounds to be paid at the end of one Year next after your being ordained in Said Town, and then after that the same alike Sum of Seventy five pounds to be paid to you the Said Abishai Colton Annually, or at the end of every Year you Shall remain and continue a Preacher & teacher in Said Town according to Gospel rule & order as aforesaid, and no Longer. —

Jona Ward
Isaac Johnson
Nathan Bridges
Elijah Brigham
Jonas Ball
Peter Clark
James Parker

Committee of Said Town

Recd & Recorded by Benja Smith Town Clerk

Decr 1787

Worceſter ſs. To Mr Jonas Ball Conſtable for Southborough

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts, You are forthwith required, to Warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Sd Town Qualified to Vote in Town Meetings for a Repreſentative, to Aſsemble at the Publick Meeting houſe in Sd Southborough, on Monday the Seventeenth Day of Decr Next, at 1 oClock P.M. then and there to Act on the following Articles Viz —

1st For the Town to hear the Conſtitution or Frame of Government for the United States of America, and likewiſe the proceedings of the Genl Court of this State for calling a Convention of Delegates, to Meet at the State House in Boston on the Second Wednesday of Jany next for the purpoſe of Ratifying the aforeſaid Frame of Government if they se fit.

2dly For the Town to bring in their Votes for a Delegate as the Law Directs or Act thereon as the Town shall think fit when met.

3d For the Town to chuſe a Moderator for the remaining part of the Warrant

4thly To se if the Town will make any Additions to, or alterations in Mr Aliſha Coltons Call, or paſs any Vote or Votes as the Town ſhall think fit when met relative to Said Call.

5thly For the Town to hear a Letter from Asahel Moore Sent to the Selectmen, and act thereon as the Town shall think fit when met.

6thly For the Town to Conſider of, & allow all Town Debts, to whom the Town is Juſtly indebted.

7th To se if the Town will Grant to the Widdow Dilliverance Salter any firewood, and Act thereon as the town think fit when met.

8thly To se if the Town will make Sale of any part of the Common land the back ſide of the Meeting houſe, or paſs any Vote or Votes as the Town ſhall think fit when met.

9th To se if the Town will sell to Elijah Johnſon, Mr Metcalfs Bond relating to the Mill lately owned by Andrew Newton now lying in the hands of the Selectmen, or Act thereon as the Town shall think fit when met.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, unto the Selectmen, at or before the time appointed for holding Said Meeting; Given under our hands & Seal at Southborough this 30th Day of November in the Year of our Lord AD 1787

Elijah Brigham
Nathan Bridges
Jona Champney
Mark Collins Junr
Selectmen for Southborough

Worceſter ſs. Decr 4th 1787

Inobedience to the within, I have Notified & Warned the Inhabitance of Southborough to meet at time & place within mentioned, as within Directed

Jonas Ball
Conſtable for Southborough

Decr 17th 1787

Southborough Decr 17th 1787 — The Town being met according to the foregoing Warrant, Proceeded to act as follows Viz —

on Art. 1st The Town after hearing the Constitution or Frame of Government for the United States, Voted to Chuse a Committee of Nine persons to peruse the Constitution & report to the Town, at a future meeting. Then Chose Colo Ward, Elijah Brigham. Jonas Ball. Doctr Parker. Capt Newton, Doctr Montague, Ezra Taylor, Mark Collins Jur, & Solomon Newton, — — — —

Committee to peruse the Constitution of the United States

Colo Ward, & Capt Newton being Excused, the Town made choice of Jona Champney & Nathan Bridges in their Room. ——

Then Voted to adjourn the Meeting, to Monday next at 1 o'Clock P.M. then to meet at this place Attest Elijah Brigham Modr —

Decr 17th 1787 The Town then opened the Meeting, upon the remaining part of the Warrant — — — — — — —

on Art. 3 Chose Elijah Brigham Moderator — —— —

Art. 4th Voted to make some alteration in Mr Coltons Call, and to Postpone the matter to the Adjournment of this Meeting. ——

5th {Voted to leave the matter Respecting Asahel Moore, to the Selectmen to act their Discretion. — — — — — —

on Art. 9th Then passed to Article 9th and Voted to Set Mr Metcalfs Bond up to the highest bidder — — — — — — — — —

Then Voted to Adjourn this Meeting so far as it relates to Mr Metcalfs Bond down to Landlord Horns, at 7 o'Clock this Evening. ——

Then Voted to Adjourn the Town Meeting to Monday next at 2 o'Clock then to meet at this place Attest Elijah Brigham Modr —

Southborough Decr 17th at 7 o'Clock P.M. The Meeting being opened according to the foregoing Adjournment, proceeded to the Vendueing of the aforementioned Bond. —

Sale of Mr. Metcalfs Bond to Doctr Montague

At 5 Minites past 9 o'Clock, the abovesaid mentioned Bond was Struck of to Doctr Uriel Montague for Four Pound Five shillings £.. 4d., he being the highest bidder. —— And for which he the said Doctr Gave his Note of hand, to the Town Treasurer, for the abovesaid Sum and the Bond was Dillivered to him in the presence of the Selectmen

£4 - 5 - 0

Southborough Decr 24th 1787 The Town being met according to Adjournment proceeded to act as followeth Viz —

on Art. 6th

Town Debts

Granted to Benja Smith for boarding Mr Pond &c	£ 3 - 3 - 7 - 2
and for Boarding Mr Colton &c	5 - 12 - 2 - 0
To Thos Stone for horse keeping	1 - 5 - 6 - 0
To Mark Collins Jur for Hay	0 - 7 - 0 - 0
	£ 10 - 8 - 3 - 2

Sum Over

Decr 24th 1787

Art 7th — Voted to allow the Widdow Dilliverance Salter Four Cords of Fire Wood, & it was Struck of to Asahel Mathews at Six Shillings ꝑr Cord

Art 8th — Committee to View the Land Back ſide of the Meetinghouſe — Voted to Sell so much of the Land lying on the backſide of the Meeting Houſe as can be ſpared; Then Voted to chuſe a Committee of Five perſons, to View the Same, then Choſe Colo Ward, Ezra Taylor Jonas Ball, Capt Newton, and Nathan Bridges for that purpoſe

on Art 1st — The Committee for peruſing the Conſtitution or Frame of Gover=nment, Reported as followeth Viz — — — — —

That the Conſtitution by no means [illegible] be Setup as it now Stands, without Amendments, which Report was accepted by the Town — — — — —

on Art 2d — Choſe Capt Seth Newton as a Delegate, to set in the State Convention at Boston on the 2d Wedneſday in Janry Next — —

on Art 4th — Voted to give Mr Colton 20 Cords of Firewood Yearly in addition to his Yearly Sallary — — —

on Art 8th — Voted not to accept of the Report of the Committee choſen for the purpoſe of Viewing the Land on the backſide of the Meeting-houſe — — — — — — — —

Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting untill 4 oClock Next March-Meeting Day — —

Atteſt Elijah Brigham Moderator

Report of the Committee to peruſe the Federal Conſtitution

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Southborough in Town Meeting aſsembled, — — —

We your Committee choſen for the purpoſe of taking into Conſideration, the Federal Conſtitution, do Report as follows Viz — — — — —

It is our opinion that the Federal Conſtitution as it now Stands ought not to be Ratified, but that under Certain Limitations and Amendments it may be a Salutary form of Government, which Limitations & Amendments we think beſt to Submit to the wiſe Deliberations of the Convention, fully confiding in their Wiſdom and Integrity that they will, at the Same time Guard the Liberties of the people, and Secure to Congreſs all thoſe powers which are neceſ=ry to Secure and maintain the Federal Union — — —

ꝑr order of the Committee. Elijah Brigham Chairn

Decr 21st 1787

Southborough Sale of Andrew Newton and Wife 1787 — Decr 17th 1787, By direction of the Selectmen and Overſeers of the poor, Andrew Newton and his Wife being Paupers, were set up at Vendue to the loweſt bidder for their Support, and were struck of to Peter Brewer for Seven Shillings & Six pence ꝑr Week

Mr Coltons Anſwer

To the Church and Congregation in Southborough

Gentlemen — — —

Whereas you have given me a Call to Settle with you as your Goſpel Miniſter, I would Inform you that having taken into Conſideration your Call, asked the Advice of Parents, Friends and Relatives & sought to Heaven for Direction in this weighty matter, my Anſwer is in the Affirmative. — — —

Provided however that you do as soon as may be purchaſe some Land handy to the Meeting-houſe at what it is Juſtly worth in Money, and to the Amount or nearly to the Amount of the Hundred & fifty pounds which you propoſe for a Settlement & then Town Security be given for the payment of it

(2ly) That you do Annually & Punctually pay to me Seventy five Pounds Sallary & Twenty Cord of Wood, But as there was a Number in Town who oppoſed the Grant of Wood in Additoon to the Sallary So if any, or all of that Number will Yearly & perſonally come to me and teſtify their unwillingneſs to pay their proportion of the Wood that is Granted; to them will I Relinquiſh their proportion of the Wood, during the time of their Continuance under my Miniſtry

(3ly) On Suppoſition Viſible Sanctity is made a Term of Admiſsio to full Comonunion in this Church and that whenever any perſo or perſons ſhall be Admitted into the Church, they ſhall be left to their own Option whether to give a publick Relation of their Religious Experiences or not. —

(4ly) On Condition I have two or three Sabbaths allowed me every Year without Supplying the Pulpit to Viſiting Parents and Friends who live at a Conſiderable Diſtance and that you do from time to time by your Chriſtian behaviour and brotherly kindneſs endeavour to render my Labours uſeful and Serviceable among you. —

Abiſhai Colton

Southborough Jan.y 12th 1788

Rec.d & Recorded by Benj.a Smith Town Cler

Febry 11th 1788

Worcester ss- To Mr Jonas Ball Constable for Southborough. In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are forthwith required to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town, Quallified to Vote in Town affairs, to Assemble at the publick Meeting house in Sd Town on Monday the Eleventh day of Febry Next at 1 o'Clock P. M. then and there to act on the following Articles (Viz)

L.S.

1st - To Chuse a Moderator for Said Meeting

2dly - To see if the Town will Comply with the Conditions given them in Mr Coltons Answer for Setling with us as a Gospel Minister in Said Town, and pass any Vote or Votes Relative to Setling Mr Abishai Colton, as the town shall think best when mett

3dly - To See what Instructions the Town will give the Assessors Relative to Assessing the last Spring Grants made by the Town as allso a County Tax

4thly - To See what Instructions the Town will give the Treasurer Relative to a Number of Orders in his hands against the Constables for Tax No 3, and act thereon as the Town shall think fit when met

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto the Selectmen at or before the time appointed for holding Sd Meeting given under our hands & Seal at Southborough this Twenty Eighth Day of Jany in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred & Eighty Eight

Elijah Brigham
Nathan Bridges
Jona Champney
Hezekiah Fay
Selectmen for Southborough

Worcester ss- Febry 4th 1788

In obedience to this Warrant I have warned all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants - Quallified to Vote in Town Meeting to attend at time and place as within Directed for the purpose - within mentioned

Jonas Ball Constable for Southborough

Southborough Febry 11th 1788 The Town being met according to the foregoing warrant proceeded to Act as followeth Viz

on Art 1st — Chose Mark Collins Junr Moderator

on Art 2 — A motion was made to See if the Town would Chuse a Committee to see if any Land could be purchased for a Settlement for Mr Colton, which Vote passed in the Affirmative, and afterwards Reconsidered: A Vote then being put to See if the Town will Comply with the Conditions of Mr Coltons Answer which Vote passed in the Affirmative by a Majority of Eleven — — — — Then Voted to chuse a Committee to purchase a Settlement for Mr Colton to Consist of five persons, then Chose Colo. Ward Capt Newton, Nathan Bridges Jona Champney Mark Collins Junr and make report at the next Meeting —

on Art 3d — Voted that the Assessors for the time being, Assess the town in in the Several Sums of Money Granted and ordered to be Assest on the Poles and Rateable Estate within the Town of Southbro by the last Invoice with such alterations as shall be made to appear to the Assessors to be Just and no alterations will be made, unless applyd for within Ten Days from this day — — — — — —

4th — Article passed over finally — — — — — — —

Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday next at 1 o'Clock then to meet at this place
Attest Mark Collins Junr Modr

March 8d AD. 1788 The Town being Met according to Adjournment of a Meeting Calld [illegible] Novr 30th last — proceeded to act on Article 8th the Vote being Tryed past in the Negative then Voted to Disolve the Meeting accordingly it was Desolved
Test Elijah Brigham Mod.

Recd & Recorded By Uriel Montague Clerk

March 3d 1788 The Town being Met according to an Adjournment to this day on a Warrent Granted Feby 28 1788 Proceeded to act as follows viz on art 2d in said Warrent Voted to reconsider a former vote which was passed relative to, and Complying with the Conditions in Mr Coltons answer — which was accordingly Reconsidered by a Majority of Three
Attest Elijah Brigham Mod

Recorded by Uriel Montague Town Clerk

March 3d 1788 The Town met according to another ajournment and Proceeded on the 2d art. in the Warrent Granted Novr 30th 1787 and Voted to reconsider a Previous Vote for Granting Mr Colton 20 Cords of wood yearly as an addition to his Salary and it passd in the affermative by a Majority of 8 or 10
Recorded by U. Montague Clerk Test Elijah Brigham Mod

Feb. 29 1788

At a Meeting of the Selectmen to Settle with the Treasurer having Examined the accounts of Mark Collins Jun.r Treasurer for Said Town for A.D. 1787 find that he has been Chargable with the Sum of £343-4-7 of State Notes and orders and he has produced Vouchers Shewing that he has paid £13-2-3 Out of the above Sum---------- and there remains in his hands the Sum of £330-2-4 which he is stil chargable with Exclusive of the old Continental Money Being Nine Pounds W.t and also the further sum of £469-7-6 and he hath Produced Vouchers shewing that he hath Paid £206-15-1-3 and there Stil remains £262-12-4-1 which he is Stil Chargable with – Exclusive of £70-0-0 which is in the Constables hands to Collect for AD 1787

ettlement [illegible] 1787

Nathan Bridges
Jonathan Champney
Elijah Brigham
} Select men for Southborough

Rec.d & Recorded by Ur.l Montague
Town Clerk

Worc.tr Ss. To Jonas Ball Constable for Southborough – ~~[illegible]~~
In the Name of the Common wealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required to warn all the free holders and Other Inhabitants of Said Town Quallified to Vote in Town affairs to Assemble at the Publick Meting House in Said Town, on Monday the third day of March Next. at 12th Clock at Noon then and there to act on the following Articles (viz)

March warrant for 1788

1 To Chuse a Moderator for Said Meeting—

2 For the Town to make Choise of Town Officers the Year Ensuing as the Law directs

3 To Chuse som person or persons to inspect the killing of Deer Contrary to Law

4 To Chuse Grave digers Burrid Keeper, & Some person to Sweep Lock & Unlock the Meting House the Year Ensuing

5 For the Town to Agree upon & Grant a Sum of Money to repair Highways the Year Ensuing and also State the price of labour done upon the same the Year Ensuing

6 To Chuse a Committee to hire School masters the Year Ensuing

7 For the Town to agree upon & Grant a sum of Money to pay School masters and other Town debts the Year Ensuing

8 For the Town to Enquier of and allow all Town Debts ~~to~~ to whom they are Justly Indebted

9 For the Town to Chuse a Committee to Squadron out the Schools the Year Ensuing

Art. 10 For the Town to Determin wether their Swine Shall run at large the year Ensuing ——

11 to See if the Town will abate the rates of aney one appleying for the Same in aney ~~List~~ of Assessments Committed to any other Constable ~~s~~ or Collectors ~~to Collect~~ and act there on as the Town Shall Think fitt when met

12 To See if the Town will Set up Timothy Piree Pauper of sd Town ~~at~~ to Vendue to the Highest bidder for the Year Ensuing and act there on as the Town shall think fit when met —

13 To See if the Town will Set Up Andrew Newton & his Wife at Vendue to the lowest bidder and likewise his ~~effects~~ to the Highest bidder and act thereon as the Town Shall think fit when met

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrent with Your doings thereon Unto the Selectmen at or before the Time Appointed for holding Said Meeting Given Under Our hands and Seal at Southboro this Eighteenth day of February in In the Year of Our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty Eight — — —

Elijah Brigham
Nathan Bridges
Mark Collins Jr.
Jonathan Champney
Hezekiah Fay
Select men for Southboro

Worcester ss. Feb. 25th 1788 In Obedience to this Warrent I have Duly Executed the Same as within directed -

Jonas Ball Constable for Southboro

Rec.d & Recorded by Wm. Montague Clerk

Southboro March 3d 1788 the Town being Met According to the foregoing Warrent Proceeded to business as followeth (viz) — — —

on Art. 1 Made Choice of Lieut. Elijah Brigham Moderator for sd Meeting

On Art. 2d mad Choice of the following Gentlemen for Selectmen the Year Ensuing (viz)

Selectmen &
Lt. Elijah Brigham
Mr. Jonathan Champney
Mr. Nathan Bridges
Mr. Hezekiah Fay
Mr. Jonas Ball

Town Clerk Wm. Montague chosen & sworn

then Voted to Adjourn this meeting to five oClock P.M.

Attest Elijah Brigham Mod.r

Southborough March 3d 1788

The Town being Met agreeable to Adjournment Proceeded to Act as follows viz Voted to Adjourn this meeting to Wednesday Next at one O'Clock P.m. at this place Test Elijah Brigham Mod.
March 5th 1788 the Town being met according to adjournment Proceeded to act on the warrent as follows viz

on Art. 2 Mad Choice of Mark Collins Jr Treasurer for Said Town

Constables { Elijah Newton for the East End of the Town and
{ Nathan Fay for the West End of the Town —

Assessors { Solomon Newton } ~~Daniel Johnson for Deerey~~
{ Jonas Ball for the Year Ensuing
{ Mark Collins Jr

Surveyers of Highways { George Brigham for the Center
{ Trowbridge Taylor East End —
{ Phinehas Bemis South Side
William Brigham in lieu of Erastmus Ward
who is to Do his Turn for Said Ward West End —

Fielddrivers { Samuel Hudson Jr
{ Herman Fay

Fence Viewers { Elisha Fay
{ Joseph Arnthank
{ Thomas Williams

Sealer of Leather { Ezekiel Collins

Tythingmen { Capt Nathan Brigham
{ David Pierce chosen Tythingmen and Sworn the 9th day

Surveyer of Lumber { Mr Nathan Bridges

Hog reaves { Josiah Fay
{ Thomas Williams

Sealer of Wts &c { David Newton Seler of Wts & Measures and Sworn — — — — — —

N.B. all the above Mentioned persons ware Duly Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of there respective Trusts Excepting Phinehas Bemis who was absent

Overseers of the Poor { Reuben Fay
{ Benjn Parker
{ Ezekiel Collins

on Art 3 Deer reaves { Daniel Johnson accepted and was Sworn

on Art. 2d
then Voted to accept twelve Dollars of Elijah Newton and Nathan Fay as a Compensation for their turns of Serving as Constables the Ensuing Year and they both gave there nots for the same to the Treasurer as agreed to by the Town

Southboro March 6th 1788

Then Voted to Adjourn this meeting half an hour ~~[illegible]~~ P.M.
the Town being met   Test. Elijah Moderator
according to adjournment proceeded to act as follows viz

Voted to set up the Several Collections to the ~~Highest~~ Lowest Bidder accordingly it was set up and bid of to Nathan Fay and Daniel Johnson Fay had the west End and Johnson the East End

[illegible] set up at [illegible] and [illegible] Nathan [illegible] wife —

N. Fay bid it off for four pence on the pound and Said Fay is to Procure Sufficient Bondsmen to the Towns acceptance for the faithfull Preformance of his Trust — and Said Johnson bid of the Collection for the East End at five pence one Farthing on the pound he also is to Procure Sufficient Bonds for the faithfull Discharge of his trust

then made Choice of Jonas Ball Constable then Voted to Chuse another Constable then mad Choise of Daniel Johnson for the other and they ware Duly sworn

Treasurer Collins Stands Chargable with two Notes of twelve Dollars each one against Elijah Newton and one against Nathan Fay £7 - 4 - 0

March 6th day

Art. 4th grave Diggers { Phinehas Brigham
Ebenezer Bellows
Timothy Bellows

Warduns { Elisha Bemis and Ebenezer Richards ware Chosen Warduns for the Year Insuing and sworn — —

Pound Keeper { George Brigham

Mr Nicholas Hoppin chosen to Lock and Unlock the Meeting house & Sweep the Same the Year Insuing

On Art. 5th { Voted to Grant and raise Sixty pounds for the purpose of repairing highways the Year Ensuing £60 - 0 - 0

On Art. 6th { Voted to Chuse a Committee to hire School masters this year accordingly mad Choise of Ezra Taylor Mark Collins Jnr. Zacheus Witherbee & Capt. Nathan Brigham as a Committee for that purpose

On Art. 7th { Voted to Grant and raise forty Pounds to pay School masters the Year Ensuing £40 . 0 . 0 Voted Granted £100 to pay Town debts the Year Ensuing all to be Leveyed on the Polls and rateble Estate of the Inhabitants of the Town of Southboro —

On Art 8th { Granted to Col. Jona. Ward Esqr. £0 - 17 - 2 — then Voted to adjourn this meeting til tomorrow Ten O clock A.M. — — —
Test Elijah Brigham Mod
March 6th 1788 the Town being met according to adjournment Proceeded to business in the first place mad Choise of Majr. Humphrey Clerk Protempore then proceeded on 8th article viz

Granted to Nathan Bridges £ 0 - 0 - 0
Granted to Mark Collins Jnr. - - . 2 . 2 . 0
Granted to Nathan Brigham and George Brigham Overseers of the Poor - - - . 6 - 4 - 7
Granted to Nicholas Hoppin - - - 0 . 12 . 0

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On Art 8 Granted to Uriel Montague £3-1-4
Granted to Abner Parker --- 0-19-0
granted to Hezekiah Fay ---0-12-0

On Art 9th Voted to Chuse a Committee to Squadron out the Schools in Said Town the Year Ensuing

then Chose Nathan Bridges, Jonas Ball Lemuel Chamberlin Mark Collins Jr. and Solomon Newton at Large

Art 10th then Voted to let the Swine run at large the Year Ensuing
then Voted to pass over the 11 Art. for the present ----

On Art 11 Voted to abate the rates Set to Josiah Ward in a list of assessment Committed ~~to~~ Lt. Thomas Bridges to Collect being Tax No. 4 the Sum of £2-9-1-3
Voted to abate the rates Set to John Arnsden in a list of assessment Committed to Ezra Taylor to Collect being the Sum of £3-6-6

then Voted to chuse a Committee of 5 to settle with and adjust all matters and things with the Several Collectors in Said Town So far as it respects the Sinking or abating Taxes Either in part or in the whol to be left to there final Desision — Accordingly made Choise of Col. Jonas Ward, Peter Fay, Abner Parker. Solomon Newton & Mark Collins Jun. Chosen for that purpos

a Committee Chosen to settle [illegible] and abate rates &c —

On Art 12th Voted to Set Up Timothy Pirce to the highest bidder for one Year following then Voted that no person or Persons Shall be allowd to harbour or Conceal or Trade with Said Pirce for one Year — Voted to Direct the Overseers of the Poor to Cloth Said Pirce the Year Ensuing then he was Set Up and bid of to Abel Chamberlain for £6-12-0

On Art 13th Voted to Set up Andrew Newton and Wife to the lowest Bidder — then Voted to adjourn the Meeting to Saml. Horns at 6 OClock P.M..

Attest Elijah Brigham Mod-

March 6th 6 OClock
the Town met according to adjournment and Proceeded to Vendue Andrew Newton & wife they was Strick of to Daniel Graves at 5/11 pr. Week he is to keep said Newton & wife one year from the this Date ---- then Voted to adjourn this meeting to the next Town Meeting 5 OClock P.M. for the purpose of having Phinehas Parris Sworn to the office of Highway Surveyer

Andrew Newton [illegible] bid of to [illegible] Graves

Attest Elijah Brigham Mod

No 13 Condition of Sale for Timy. Pirce are that the highest bidder is the Purchaser and the person that has him is to keep his Clothes well washd. and mended and furnish him with wholsom food and Drink the Town to Provide his Clothing and and pay his Nessary Doctring

Mr Coltons Letter to the Town

To the ~~Inhabitants~~ [illegible] and Inhabitants of Southboro Gentlemen
You are Sensible that you gave me a Call to Settle with you as your Gospel Minister by a large Majority of Votes & that with Regard to the peoples Satisfaction of Your Union I gave my answer in the Affirmative provided you would make Some small alterations in your proposals but as you have not on the whole made those alterations which I requested in my answer, & as there has been great Uneasiness arisen in the Town respecting those alterations I requested, I cannot think it will be for my Peace & Happiness or for the good of the Town to Settle therefore I beg leave to withdraw my answer and to give it in the Negative
I would further recommend it to the Town to consider that if they would Ever have a Candidate for the Gospel ministry resettled among them it is for their own Character to be tender of the Character of Candidates that come among you and not to raise false and Scurrilous reports Concerning any of them — for with you as well as with them a good Name is rather to be chosen than Silver

Southboro March 5th 1788 Abisha Colton

Rec.d & Recorded by Ur.d Montague T Clerk

N.B. all the Officers who are by Law required to take the Oath of Alegiance met on Monday the 31 march 1788 at the House of Sam.l Horns Inholder in Said Southboro and took and Subscribed the Said oath before me
Uriel Montague Town Clerk

also all the Town Officers ware at that time assembled by a Notification from the Selectmen and took their oaths respectively as the Law Directs before me - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Uriel Montague T. Clerk
N.B. the Justice that Swore the officers of the Town was not Qualified to administer oaths at that time his Commission being dead but he Did not know it - - - - -

To Mr Benj.a Smith Town Clerk for Southborough for the time being these may Certifie that we have assessed the Pools & ratable Estates in Said Town in the Sum of Seventy pounds for the purpose of Defreying Town Charges Agreeable to a Vote of their Town at their annual Meeting March last and Certifide the Same to the Treasurer of Said Town — Southboro. 21 Feb.y 1788

Mark Collins Jr.
Abner Parker
Hezekiah Fay
Assessors for Southboro

Rec.d & Recordby Ur.d Montague Clerk

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March 17th 1788 —

Part 2 The Town being Met agreeable to an adjournment of March Meeting to this time viz 3 O'Clock P.M. -- Proceeded to act as follows viz Phinehas Bemis Accepted and was sworn as Highway Surveyor Mad Choise of Elisha Bemis & Ebenezer Richards Wardens accordingly they was ~~sw~~sworn Then Voted to adjourn this meeting Until Apl. Meeting 4 O'Clock P.M. for the Purpose of Disposing of Andrew Newtons affects & attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

an adjournment of March Meeting

Apl. 788

Worceſter ſs To Jonas Ball & Daniell Johnſon Conſtables for Southboro or Either of them Greeting – In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts You are hereby required to to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town Quallifide to vote in town meeting to meet at the Publick Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the Seventh day of March Inſtant at one o'Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles viz ——

1 To Chuſe a Moderator for Said meeting – – – – – – – – –

2d To See if the Town will Grant Mr Cotton his requeſt in his letter desireing to withdraw his anſwer and give it in the Negative ——

3d To See if the Town will Employ Mr. Abiſha Cotton any longer as a Candidate Since he has given his Anſwer to their Call in the Negat.

4th To See if the Town will Chuſe a New Committee to Supply the pulpit or act thereon as the Town Shall think fit when met – – – – –

5th To see if the Town will hear any more Candidates Until the matter is Settled between the Church and Town with regard to the Covenant or act their on as the Town Shall think fit when met

6th To See what Inſtructions the Town will give the Treaſurer respecting his Collecting the Taxes due from John Richards one of the Conſtables for the Year AD. 1781 – and paſs any Vote or Votes reſpecting the Same as they se cauſe – – —

7th To See if the Town will purches Mr Thos Stones farm and keep it for a Settlement for a Miniſter or act thereon as the Town Shall think beſt when met

8th To see if the Town will direct the Treaſurer to Call on Capt Wm Wincheſter for pay for a Note of hand he has againſt him – alſo to see if the Town will Proceed to Settle all matters between them and Said Wincheſter or act thereon as the Town Shall think beſt when met – – – – – – – – – –

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrent with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time appointed for holding Said Meeting, Given under Our hand and Seal at Southboro this Eleventh day of March In the Year of Our Lord one thouſand Seven Hundred and Eighty Eight --- Pr. Order of the Selectmen –

Uriel Montague Town Clerke –

Worceſter ſs. March 7th 1788 – by Virtue of the within warrent I have warned the Quallifide Voters in Said Southboro. to meet at time and place within mentioned by Poſting a Coppy of the within Warrent at the Meeting houſe in Said Town according to a Vote of Said Town ---

Daniel Johnſon Conſtable for Southboro

March [illegible] 1788

March 1st the Town met agreeable to the foregoing warrant and proceeded as follows viz

on Art 1 Made Choice of Elijah Brigham Moderator for said Meeting

on Art 2 Voted to [illegible] Mr [illegible] as specified in the warrant then Voted to adjourn this meeting to [illegible] then to meet at this place. Attest Elijah [illegible] Moderator

March [illegible] the Town Met agreeable to adjournment and Proceeded to act as follows viz

on Art 3 Voted to pass over this article to the present

on Art 4th Voted to dismiss the old Committee for supplying the pulpit then Voted to Chuse a New Committee for that purpose accordingly Made Choice of Jonas [illegible] Solomon Newton & [illegible] for a Committee

Committee for supplying the pulpit

on Art 5 Voted to pass over this article for the present then Voted to direct the Committee to hire Mr [illegible] a further time as a Candidate

[illegible] Voted to direct the Town Clerk to wait on Mr [illegible] with a copy of the Votes of the Town [illegible] then Voted to adjourn this Meeting till [illegible] o'Clock

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Apr 5th 1788 [illegible] o'Clock The Town met according to adjournment on this day and proceeded to act as follows viz Voted to pass over the [illegible] finally, then Voted to dissolve this Meeting

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by [illegible] Montague Town Clerk

Worcester ss. To Tobias Bull & Daniel Johnson Constables of Southborough or Either of them Greeting. In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required forthwith to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town qualified to vote for governor Lieut. Governor & Senetors to Meet at the publick Meeting house in said Town on Monday the Seventh day of Apriel Next at one o'Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles viz — — —

1st For the Town to bring in there votes for governor Lieut. governor and Senetors agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwelth — — —

2d To Chuse a Moderator for the remaining part of the business of this warrent

3 For the Town to Direct the Treasurer in what way and manner he Shall Settle with and pay Mr. William Plumb or pass any Vote or Votes respecting the Same as the Town Shall think fit when met

4th To See if the Town will allow the Southside Squadron any more Money for builing their School House than their proportion of the Money granted by the Town for that purpose or act thereon as the Town Shall think fit when Met — — — — —

Hereof fail Not, and make due return of this Warrent with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk before the time appointed for Said Meeting. Given under our hands and Seal at Southborough this twenty fourth day of March Ano Dom 1788 —

By Order of the Selectmen [illegible] Town Clerk

Worcester ss. April 7th 1788 I have Duly Executed this Warrent as within Directed — Tobias Bull, {Constable for Southboro

Recorded by Wm. Montague Clerk

Southboro. Apl. 7th 1788 The Town Met agreeable to the above Warrent and Proceeded to act as follows viz —

On the 1st The Votes being called for Governor and Counted by the Selectmen were found as follows viz

for governor	His Excellency John Hancock	45 Votes
	Hon. Elbrig Garry	2 Votes
	Hon. B. Lincoln	2 Votes
Lieut. Governor	Hon. B. Lincoln	21 Votes
	Hon. E. Garry Esqr.	18 Votes
	Hon Saml. Adams Esqr.	4 Votes

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Apl 7th 1788

for the first Senetor	Hon Abel Wilder Esqr	23 Votes
2d Senetor	Samel Curtis Esqr	11 Votes
	Moses Gill Esqr	8 Votes
	Seth Washburn Esqr	2 Votes
	Amos Singletary Esqr	2 Votes
	Ebenezer Crafts Esqr	1 Votes
	Saml Baker Esqr	1 Votes
3d Senetor	John Taylor	11 Votes
	Saml Baker Esqr	7 Votes
	Seth Washburn Esqr	2 Votes
4th Senetor	Timothy Pain Esqr	8 Votes
	Peter Peneman Esqr	5 Votes
	Saml Baker Esqr	3 Votes
	John Fesendon Esqr	3 Votes
	John Sprague Esqr	1 Votes
5th Senetor	Jonathan Grout Esqr	12 Votes
	Joseph Stone	0 Votes
	John Sprague Esqr	7 Votes
	Nathan [illegible]	2 Votes

In Art. 2d Was Chosen Elijah Brigham Moderator for the remaining Part of this Meeting — —

in Art 3d Voted to Direct the Treasurer to Call on all the Delinquent Constables to Settle with him all back rates that are due to the Town and apropriate the Same to pay and Settle with Mr Plumb — — —

on Art 4th passd in the Negative — then Voted to Dissolve this Meeting Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator —

Recorded by Uriel Montague Clerk

April 14th 1788 — — — — —

Preambulation for Weſtboro

We the Subſcribers being Appointed to Preambulate the the Line and renew the bounds between the Towns of Weſtboro & Southboro. and we have accompliſhed the Buſineſs as we did in the year 1783 Until we come to the fourteenth Bound which is the Bound eſtabliſhed by the committee appointed for that purpoſe 17 rods Southerly of the Origenaly the corner of the Towns then turning weſt about half a mile to a maple Marked with stones about the same Near Sudbury river, and so on the cource til it comes to Sudbury river to the acceptance of both parties

Nathan Bridges } for Southboro
James Bellows
Elijah Brigham }

Edmund Brigham } for Weſtboro
Samuel Bellows }

Preambulation for Marlboro

We the Subſcribers being appointed by the Selectmen of the Towns of Marlboro. and Southboro. to Preambulate and renew the Bounds Between the Said Towns have met this 28th day of Apriel 1788 and preambulated the line and renewed the Bounds as they are Recorded agreeable to both parties — — — —

Elijah Brigham } for Southboro
Jonas Ball Eſqr }

Moſes Woods } For Marlboro
William Brigham
William Boyd — }

Received and Recorded by Uriel Montague Town Clerk

Warrant for May Meeting

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[illegible] To Jonas Ball & Daniel Johnson Constables for Southboro. [illegible] in the name of the Commonwealth [illegible] you are hereby required forthwith to warn all the free holders and other inhabitants of said Town quallified to Votes for Representative to meet at the publick meeting House in Said Town on monday the fifth day of may next at one O'Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles (viz)

1 For the Town to bring in their Votes for some Perſon to Represent them in the Genl. Court the present year as the Law directs — —

2ly to Chuſe a Moderator for the remaining part of this warrent

3ly to see if the Town will Chuſe a Committee to Supply the pulpit or act there on as the Town shall think beſt when met — —

4ly to see if the Town will purchase Mr Thos. Stones farm or any part of the same for a Perſonage or act there on as the Town shall think beſt when met — —

Granted 4£ 1s 7

5th To see if the Town will sell so much of the Towns [illegible] North of the meeting Houſe as can conveniently be spared to the highest bidder or act there on as the Town thinks beſt &c

6ly To see if the Town will Direct the Treasurer to call on Capt Wm Winchester for a Note of hand he has against him alſo to see if the Town will proceed to settle all matters of Diſpute between them & said Wincheſter or act thereon as the Town shall think beſt when mett — — — —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrent with your doings hereon to us at or before the time appointed for holding the Meeting given under our hands and Seal at Southboro. this twenty fifth day of April in the year of our Lord 1788 — —

By Order of the Selectmen U. Montague T. C.

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May 5th 1788 — — — — Page 20

Worcester ss In Obedience to the within Warrent I have warned those Qualefide to Vote for Representative to Meet at time & Place within mentioned by Posting a Coppy at the Meeting House according to a Vote of the Town
May 5th 1788 — — Daniel Johnson Constable for Southboro

May 5th 1788 the Town being met agreeable to the foregoing Warrent they proceeded to act as follows

On Art. 1 viz Voted to pass over the first article for the present then Voted to proceed on said article a previous Vote being tried to see if the Town would Send or not pass'd in the Affermative - Then made Choise of Lieut. Elijah Brigham for a representative - but was afterwards Excused then Voted to reconsider the Vote for Sending and not Send any this year

On Art 2d Made Choise of Elijah Brigham Moderator for the Remaining part of the Warrent — — — —

On Art 3d Voted to Chuse a Committee of three Persons to supply the Pulpit Accordingly Made Choice of Lieut. Hezekiah Fay Mark Collins Junr and Ashel Mathews for a Committee for that purpose — — — — — — — — —

On Art 4th Pass'd in the Negative by a great majority of Votes — —

On Art 5th Pass'd in the Negative also — — — — — — — —

On Art 6th Voted to Chuse a Committee of three persons to Settle with Capt Wm Winchester finally then Chose Nathan Bridges Mark Collins Junr & Ezekiel Collins for that purpose — then Voted to Dissolve the Meeting

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

a true Coppy from the minuts and Recorded by
Uriel Montague Town Clerk

Worceſter ſs — To Jonas Ball Conſtable for Southborough Greeting — —

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts You are hereby
required forthwith to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said
Town Qualified to act in Town Meetings to Meet at the publick Meeting House
in Said Town on Wedenſday the Twentyth day of August Inſtant, at three Clock
after noon then and there to Act on the following articles Namely — — —

first To Chuse a Moderator for Said Meeting — — — — — — — — — — —

Second.ly To see what Method the Town will take to Diſcharge an Execution their is againſt
them Now in the hands of Mr Thos W Ward in favour of Mr Wm Rumb. or act thereon
as the Town shall think beſt when Met — — — — — — — — — — —

third.ly To see what the Town will do with Polly Britain Now Living at James Bridges
or act their on as the Town Shall think beſt when Met — — — — — —

fourthly To see what Instructions the Town will give their present Committee for Supplying the
Pulpit or act thereon as the Town shall think beſt when Met — — — — —

fifthly To see what Allowence the Town will make Paul Newton for Serving Constable in
year 1781 or pass any Vote or Votes reſpecting the same as the town shall think beſt
when met — — —

Hereof fail Not and make due return of this warrent to Us on or before the time appointed
for holding said Meeting. given Under our hands & Seal at Southborough this Eighteenth
day of Auguſt in the year of our Lord one Thouſand seven Hundred and Eighty Eight —

By Order of the Selectmen Uriel Montague Town Clerk —

Worceſter ſs — Aug.t 19th 1788 I have warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Southborough to Meet at time and Place within Mentioned

Jonas Ball — { Constable for South.borough

Southborough Augt. 20th 1788 — — — — —
the Town being Met agreeable to the foregoing Warrent and Proceeded
to Act as follows viz

On Art. 1st Made Choice of Leut. Elijah Brigham Moderator — —

On Art. 2d. Voted to call on all the Delinquent Constables to Settle up & give an Account
of their Collections accordingly they ware calld but has no Money
for the town — then Voted to Chuse a Committee to hire a Sum of Money
ſufficient to Diſcharge the Ex.n againſt the Town — then made Choice
of Maj.r Humphrey Jonas Ball Ezra Taylor, then Voted to add 2 more to the
Committee accordingly made choice of Lt. Wm Onthank & Peter Fay

Delinquent Constables Collection

Voted to direct the Treaſurer to deliver the state securities belonging to
the Town Now in the Treaſury to the above Committee they
Receipting for the Same — then Voted to leave the matter Intire
to the Committee reſpecting the Securities whither to Sel them or
leave them in pledg — — — — — — Turn Over

Treasurer to Deliver State Note

To be [illegible]

On Art.t 2.d Voted to paſs over this Article for the preſent — — — — — —

On Art.t 3.d Voted to direct the Overſeers of the Poor to take care of Polly Britain and proſecute all matters that concerns her & the Town to a final Iſsue — —

On Art.t 4.th Voted to Inſtruct the Committee for ſupplying the pulpit to hire Preaching Conſtantly — — — — — —

On Art.t 5.th Voted to paſs Over this article finally — — — — —

On Art.t 2.d Voted to Indemnefy Tho.s Ward from all Coſt and Charges that he may be put to by not Leveying M.r Plumbs Exec.n on the Town of Southborough alſo Voted to Indemnefy the Committee from all Coſt and charges they may be put to by Engaging to pay him the Money on M.r Plumbs Execution in ten days — — — — —

Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting Until Monday Next at 3 O'Clock after Noon at this place — atteſt Elijah Brigham Moderator

Southborough August 25th 1780 — — — — — — —
the Town being Met agreeable to adjournment to this time Proceeded to act as follows viz — — — — — — — — — —

On Art.t 2.d Voted to add the Selectmen together with the Treaſurer to the Committee choſen to procure money and to pay Plumbs Execution alſo Voted to refer the ~~the~~ matter to this Committee Intirely, for them to deviſe the best and moſt Sallutary ways to diſcharge the said demand — — — — — —

Then Voted to Diſsolve this Meeting atteſt Elijah Brigham Moderator

Rec.d & Recorded by Uriel Montague Town Clerk

Dec.r Warrent 1788 {

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Worceſter ſs, To Jonas Ball or Daniel Johnſon Conſtables for Southborough or Either of them Greeting — — — —
In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts you are hereby required forthwith to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Southboro qualified to Vote in Town Meetings to meet at the Publick Meeting Houſe in Said Town on Monday the fifteenth day of December Inſtant at 12 o'Clock at Noon on Said day then and there to act on the following Articles (viz) (See Next pages

Art. 1st To Chuse a Moderator for Said Meeting - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

2d To See if the Town will Chuse an agent, or Agents, to take care of and Prosecute the Matter relative to Samuel Cary and the Town, and carry the Matter to a final Issue: or pass any Vote or Votes, respecting the same, as the Town shall think fit when Met —

3d To see if the Town will Grant the Widow Deliverence Satter any fire Wood this Year, or pass any Vote or Votes respecting the same as the Town think best when Met —

4th To see if the Town will allow all Town Debts to those persons to whom they are Justly Indebted

5th To see if the Town will give the present Committee for Supplying the Pulpit any further Instructions respecting the same or act thereon as the Town think best when Met - - -

6th To see if the Town will Grant a sum of Money Sufficient to discharge the Execution against the Town in favour of William Plumb or act thereon as the Town think best when Met - -

7th To see if the Town will continue to let Nicholas Hopping have the Previlage of the work House any longer and take the Commonwealth's pay for the same Or Wither they will take it again into their Possession. or act thereon as the Town think best when met - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrent with your doings thereon to us on or before the time appointed for holding Said Meeting - Given Under our hands & Seals att Southborough this first day of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Eight

By Order of the Selectmen Uriel Montague Town Clerk —

December 2d. 1788 In Obedience to this Warrent I have warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Southboro. to meet at time and place within Mentioned as within Directed -

Jonas Ball Constable for Southboro

Southborough December 15th. AD. 1788
The Town being Met agreeable to the foregoing warrent and Proceeded to act as followes (viz).

on Art. 1st Chose Elijah Brigham Moderator for the Meeting — — — — — —

art 2d. Voted to Chuse an agent to Prosecute to finall Isue, the affair between the Town and Saml. Cary & Polly Britain then made Choise of william Herrington for an agent but he was Excused from Serving, then Chose Jonas Ball Esqr. he declined Serving, then Chose Mark Collins Junr. he also declined Serving, then Voted to Reconsider the Vote for Chusing but one agent — then Voted to Submitt the whole Matter to the Selectmen and they are Impowerd to Transact the affair according to their own minds Then Voted to Dismiss the Overseers of the Poor from any further Trouble or Service respecting Saml. Cary & Polly Britain &c — - and on the third adjournment being the 18th. Insts. Voted to Reconsider the Vote pasd. Impowering the Selectmen to Trasact the Matter as ~~[illegible]~~ afore Said. then Voted to Chuse 2 agents to take up the Matter In behalf of the Town against Said Cary &c — and carry it to a final ~~[illegible]~~ Issue then Chose Ezra Taylor and Jonas Ball Esqr. as agents for that purpose ——

Art. 3d. Voted to Grant the Widow Deliverence Satter five Coards of fire Wood for the year Ensuing Including the half Coard she has already Recd. then Voted to let it out to the lowest bider likewise it was set up and Struck of to Robert Fay Junr. and he is to Procure her the above Complement of wood at five Shillings and ten pence pr. Coard then Chose Mr. Ball to Inspect & Measure the Said wood when Brot —

See Next page for the Remainder

Decr. 1788

On Art. 4th Voted to allow all Town debts to those to whom they are Indebted - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

Granted to Ezekiel Collins the Sum of £	0 - 8 - 0 - 0	
Granted to Jonathan Champney	5 - 0 - 0 - 0	
Granted to Jona. Champney	0 - 15 - 0 - 3	
Granted to Thomas Stone	1 - 0 - 0 - 0	N.B. these two last acctt. were allow.d at the 2d adjournment
Granted to Thomas Stone	1 - 11 - 10 - 0	
Granted to William Onthank	0 - 4 - 0 - 0	N.B. these were allowed on the 3d adjournment at mr Horns
Granted to Ezra Taylor	12 - 12 - 10 - 0	
Granted to Jonas Ball	6 - 10 - 10 - 0	
Granted to Peter Fay	1 - 1 - 0 - 0	

Art. 5th the Town Voted to Hear one Mr. Stow one month, who was to come the first Sabbath in Jany then Voted to paſs Over this article finally - -

Art. 6th Voted to paſs over this article for the preſent then at the 3d adjournment Voted to paſs over this article finally

Art 7th The Town Voted to take the Work House Into their own poſseſsion for the future Then Voted to adjourn this meeting until Thurſday Next 4 OClock P.M at this place Atteſt Elijah Brigham Moderator

Southboro Decr. 18th 1788 the Town being Met agreeable to adjournment and Proceeded to act as follows viz Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Samuel Horns Inholder in Said Town Preſently at 6 OClock P.M

Atteſt Elijah Brigham Moderator

Southboro Decr. 18th 1788 the Town being Met according to adjournment to this Place Proceeded to act as follows viz took up the 2d. 4th. & 6th. articles and paſsd. Same Votes on the same which You will find Recorded in form in the preceeding page to which You are referd. - - - then Voted to Diſsolve this Meeting Atteſt Elijah Brigham Mod.r

Received and Recorded by Uriel Montague T. Clerk

the first Federal Warrent

(The first Federal Town Meeting for the Congreſs- of the United States of America) 1788

Worcester ſs. To Jonas B or Daniel Johnſon Conſtables for Southboro or Either of them Greeting -

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts You are here by requird. forthwith to warn all the free holders and Other Inhabitants of Said Town Qualefide to Vote for a Repreſentative to Meet at the publick Meeting House in Said Town on Thurſday the Eighteenth day of Decr. Inſtant at one OClock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles (viz)

See Next page for the Remainder

Decr 8th 1788

Art. 1st For the Town to bring in their Votes for a Repreſentative to Repreſent them in the Congreſs of the United States of America agreeable to the Conſtitution of the same — — — — — —
Alſo, to Bring in their Votes for two Perſons Electors for Preſident & Vice Preſident of the United States, agreeable to a precept Recd from the Genl Court of this Commonwealth — — —

Art. 2d To Chuſe a Moderator for the remaining part of the Meeting

Art. 3d To see if the Town will Diſpoſe of or sel the Pew belonging to the Town, in the Meeting houſe or Act thereon as the Town Shall think beſt when Met — — — — — — — — — — —

Hereof fail Not and make due Returns of this warrent with your doings thereon to Us on or before the time appointed for holding said Meeting. Given Under our Hands & Seals at Southborough this Eighth day of December In the Year of our Lord one Thouſand Seven Hundred and Eighty Eight By Order of the Selectmen Wm Montague T. Clerk

Worceſter ſs In Obedience to the within Warrent I have warned the free holders and Other Inhabitants by Poſting ~~Putting~~ a Coppy of the within Warrent at the Meeting Houſe Decr 10th 1788
Daniel Johnſon { Conſtable for Southboro

Southborough Decr 10th 1788
The Town being Met Agreeable to the foregoing Warrent and Proceeded to Act as follows (viz) the Votes for a repreſentative being Cald for by the Selectmen Preſiding, they ware found on Counting to be as follows viz — — — — — —
for the Hon. Seth Waſhburn Esqr 9 Votes
for ~~Hon~~ Timothy Paine Esqr — — — — — 6 Votes
for ~~the Hon~~ Jona Grout Esqr — — — — 2 Votes
for Daniel Groveſnor — — — — — 1 Vote

The Votes being Cald for the firſt Elector was as follows viz —
for Joſiah Whitney Esqr — — — — 6 Votes
for the Hon. Artemas Ward Esqr — — — 4 Votes
for Daniel Clapp — — — — — 1 Vote
for Seth Waſhburn Esqr — — — 1 Vote
for John Feſsenden Esqr — — — 1 Vote
for Seth Newton — — — — — 1 Vote
for David Bigelow — — — — — 1 Vote
the Votes being Cald for the 2 Elector was found on Counting to be as follows viz — — —
for the Hon Levi Lincoln Esqr — 6 Votes
for the ~~Hon~~ John Sprague Esqr — — — 5 Votes

Art. 2d Choſe Elijah Brigham Moderator
Art. 3 Voted to let the pew belonging to the Town for one Year to the higheſt Bidder then Voted to ajourn this Meeting to Saml. Horns Inholder in said Town at five O'Clock P.M.
Atteſt Elijah Brigham Moderator
See next page for the Remainder

December 18th 1788

Pew Bid off to Majr Champney £1~0~6. Southborough Decr 18th 1788 The Town being Met agreeable to adjournment &c. Proceeded to act ~~act~~ on the 3d Article in the foregoing Warrant Voted that Mr Ball Vendue the Pew as aforesaid accordingly it was Struck off to Majr Champney he to have the Use of said Pew for one Year following for the Sum of One Pound & Sixpence £1~0~6~0

Then Voted to Diſsolve this Meeting accordingly it was Diſsolved

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recd and Recorded by Uriel Montague Town Clerk

Worceſter ſs. To Jonas Ball or Daniel Johnſon Conſtables for Southboro or Either of them Greeting In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts you are Required, to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified by Law to Vote for a Repreſentative, to Meet at the publick Meeting Houſe In said Town, On Thursday the 29th Inſt. January at One O'Clock P.M. Then and there to bring in their Votes for a Repreſentative to Repreſent them in the Congreſs of the United States of America agreeable to the Precept which we have Received from the Goverment of this Commonwealth.

Granted Jany 17th 1789

Elijah Brigham
Jona Champney
Nathn Bridges
{Select Men Selectmen for for Southboro. 1789

Worcester ſs. January 19th 1789 I have warned the freeholders and Other Inhabitants Qualified to Vote in Town Meetings to meet at time and place within Mentioned and as within directed - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Jonas Ball {Conſtable for Southboro

Thurſday January the 29th 1789 The Town being Met agreeable to the above Warrant and Proceeded to bring in their Votes for a Repreſentative an being Sorted and counted ware as follows (viz)

N.B. the 2 first Gentlemen war the Highest In the forther Choice and sent in the 2d precept }

For the Hon Jona Grout Esqr 12 Votes
For Timothy Paine Esqr 9 Votes
For Seth Waſhburn Esqr 1 Vote

Recd and Recorded by Uriel Montague Town Clerk

This Certifies that we have aſsesed the Pools and Ratable Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of Southborough in the sum of One Hundred and Forty Pounds Lawfull Money agreeable to Grant Made by the Town at their anual Meeting in March Laſt paſt. and have Certified the Same to the Treaſurer of said Town

Southborough Feby 19th 1789

Solomon Newton
Mark Collins Junr
Jonas Ball
{Aſseſsors for Southboro

Recd & Recorded Urd Montague T Clerk

Att a Meeting of the Select Men for the Year 1788. February 27th 1789 to settle with Mark Collins Junr. Treasurer for said Town he being Examined, we find that he is Chargeable with the sum of Four Hundred and Eighty Pounds fourteen Shillings and one Farthing - and has Produced Vouchers shewing that he has paid the sum of One Hundred and Eighty Nine Pounds five Shillings and fourpence three Farthings

Feb 27 1789 and is Still Chargeable with the Sum of Two Hundred and Ninty one Pounds Eight Shillings Sevenpence 2qr. Exclusive of the Old Continental Money being Nine Pounds Nd also, the farther sum of Three Hundred and thirty Pounds two Shillings &c of State Notes and Orders and he

Settlement with the Treasurer — has produced Vouchers Shewing that he has paid Thirty three Pounds Nine Shillings and four Pence out of said sum - and their remains in his hands the sum of Two hundred and Ninty six Pound thirteen Shilling and their is Now Two hundred Eighty three Pounds 3/ of a State Note which is Now Pledged to Majr. Champney to raise Money upon to pay Rumbleton and their is stil in the Treasurers hands Thirteen Pounds ten Shillings which he is Still Chargable with - and by Examination, it apears that the Treasurer (for the Year past) has paid Three Pounds ten Shillings more than he has Received

Elijah Brigham
Nathan Bridges
Jona. Champney
Heman Fay
} Select men for Southboro.

Recd. & Recorded by Ur. Montague T. Clerk Jonas Ball

March 2d 1789

Worcester ss. To Jonas Ball or Daniel Johnson Constables for Southborough or Either of them Greeting. In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are here by required to warn all the freeholders, and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Southboro. Quallefide to Vote for a Representative, to Meet

warrant for 2d Choice for a Representative to Congress — at the Meeting House in said Town on Monday the 2d day of March next at 4 OClock P.M. then and there to bring in their Votes for a Representative to Represent them in the Congress of the United States of America - agreeable to a precept Received from the Genl. Court of this Commonwealth - here of fail Not and make due Return of this warrant with your doings their on to us on or before the time appointed for holding said Meeting - Given Under Our Hands and Seal at Southborough this 16th day of February and in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Nine

Elijah Brigham
Nathan Bridges
Heman Fay
} Selectmen for Southboro.

Worcester ss. Feby 23d 1789 I have warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Southboro to meet at time and place within Mentioned and as within directed. - - - - - - - - Jonas Ball } Const for Southboro

Proceedings of the Town on the warrant — Southboro. March 2d 1789 the Town being Met agreeable to the foregoing warrant and Proceeded to act as follows (viz) the Votes were brot in and on Counting ware found to be as follows Timothy Pain Esqr. 25 Votes
Jonathan Grout Esq 20 Votes

then the Meeting was Dissolved attest Elijah Brigham in behalf of the Selectmen

Recorded by Uriel Montague Town Clerk

March 1789

Worcester ss To Jonas Ball or Daniel Johnson Constables for Southboro. or Either of them Greeting. In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby Required to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town, Quallefide to Vote in Town affairs to Meet at the publick Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the second day of March Next at 12 O'Clock at Noon on said day, then and there to act on the following Articles viz —

1st To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting —

2d For the Town to Make Choice of Town officers as the Law Directs for the Year Ensuing

3d To Chuse some person or persons to Inspect the Killing of Deer Contrary to Law

4th To Chuse Grave digers, Pound Keeper, and som person to sweep, Lock and unlock the Meeting Houses the Year Ensuing —

5th For the Town to agree upon, and Grant a sum of Money to repair High ways the Year Ensuing and also, to state the price of Labour done upon the same the Year Ensuing —

6th To Chuse a Committee to hire Schoolmasters the Year Ensuing —

7th For the Town to agree Upon, and Grant a sum of Money to pay Schoolmasters and Other Town debts the Year Ensuing

8th For the Town to Consider of, and allow all Town debts to those persons to whom they are Justly Indebted

9th For the Town to Chuse a Committee a Committee to squadron out the School Money the Year Ensuing

10th For the Town to Determin wether their Swine Shall run at Large the Year Ens

11th To see if the Town will let out Timothy Pierce to the highest bidder the Year Ensuing

12th To see if the Town will set up all those Persons which are Paupers of Said Town to the lowest bidders for their support the Year Ensuing or act there on as the Town think best when met

13th To see if the Town will Grant a sum of Money Sufficient to hire a Singing Master one Month the Year Ensuing —

14th To see if the Town will Chuse a Committee to Seat the Meeting House or act thereon as the Town think best when met

15th For the Town to bring in their Votes for a County Treasurer as the Law

16th To see if the Town will Chuse a Committee to Settle all matters between Capt Wm. Winchester or act thereon as the Town think best when met

17th To see if the Town will Give David Fay liberty to make a Suitable pass for his Cattle under the road leading from Lt. Elijah Brighams to Westborough Line or act thereon as the Town think best when met

18th To see if the Town will call the Committee chosen to look in to the Matter between Mr Jno. Angier and Lt. Wm. Outhank respecting the Land Outhank Sold to Angier which was Consider'd as the Towns property (to Some) or act thereon &c.

19th To see if the Town will agree to hire some person in the Town to keep a Town School, and Save the money in the Town or act thereon as they think best

20th To see if the Town will Grant Paul Newton a sum of Money for his Service as Constable in the Year 1781 also a further Sum to Jno. Richards for his Service as Constable the Same Year and likewise make them a Grant for the Costs of their Respective Executions from the State Treasurer or act thereon as the Town think best when met

21st To see if the Town will Instruct and Impower the Treasurer to Give out and sign all orders for Town Debts or act thereon as the Town think best when met —

See next page

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your doings doings thereon to us on or before the time appointed for holding said Meeting given under our hands and Seal at Southborough this Sixteenth day of February and in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Nine
by Order of the Selectmen Uriel Montague Town Clerk

Worcester ſs March 2d 1789 in obedience to this Warrant I have warned the free=holders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Southborough by Poſting a Coppy of the Contents of the warrant according to a Vote of the Town - - - - - - - - - - -
Daniel Johnſon {Conſtable of Southboro.

Southborough March 2d 1789 the Town Met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant and Proceded to act as follows (viz)

on art. 1st. Made Choise of Leiut. Elijah Brigham Moderator for the Meeting

Conſtables &c
Abel Chamberlain } E. End Conſtables
Tyrus Newton — { West End

art. 2d.
Selectmen
Elijah Brigham
Jona. Champney
Nathan Bridges
Heman Fay
Jonas Ball Esqr.
} Selectmen

Town Clerk
Uriel Montague Town Clerk }

then Voted to accept of John Richards in the room of Tyrus Newton and he is to Serve Conſtable for him he the said Newton being Reſponſible for him accordingly the Said Richards was Sworn - - - - - - - - -

John Richards accepted as Conſtable Conſisting of

Aſseſsors
Mark Collins jur.
Hezekiah Fay
Abner Parker
} Aſseſsors

then Voted to adjourn the Meeting an hour at this place at Mr. E Brigham's [illegible] Southborough March 2d 1789 the Town bein again met agreeable to adjournment and proceded to act as follows (viz)

Town Treaſurer
Mark Collins Junr. was Choſen Town Treaſurer but refuſed to serve, then Choſe Peter Fay and he refuſed — then Chose Nathan Bridges and he was Excuſed then Made Choice of Mr. George Brigham and he was Sworn the 3d day - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

Surveyers of Highways
Choſe Timoy Bellows
Joel Brewer
Capt Seth Newton
William Herrington
} Surveyers of Highways

Benjn. Parker
Windslow Newton
} Field drivers

Ezekiel Collins } Sealer of Leather

Thos. Stone
Saml. Hudson jr.
Jonas Ball Jr.
} Hogreaves

Surveyers of [illegible] and Lumber
Nathan Bridges } Surveyer of Lumber

Overſeers of the Poor
Mark Collins
James Bellows
Edmund Chamberlain
} Overseers of the Poor

Asahel Mathews } Deereaf

Tythingmen
Elijah Brigham
Jona. Champney
} Tythingmen

then Voted to adjourn this meeting til wedensday Next at 1 Clock P.M.
atteſt Elijah Brigham Mod.

Turn over

March 11th 1789

Art 2.. The Town being Met agreeable to adjournment they Proceeded to act as follows (viz) Made Choice of Joseph Onthank, James Onthank } Fence viewers

Ebenezar Bellows, Stephen Bellows } Grave Digers

David Woods, Abner Ward } Wardeenes

on Art 4 Thomas Stone } to lock, onlock, and sweep the Meeting House —

Thos Stone to Sweep and Lock the Meetinghouse

then made Choise of Mr George Brigham Pound Keeper —

On Art 5th Voted to grant and Raise Sixty Pounds for the purpose of Repairing Highways the Ensuing year also Voted that the price of Labour done upon the Same be 3/ pr day from the first of May to the 1st Sept

£60. Money for Highways price of Lab. 3/ [illegible]

on Art 6th Made Choise of Capt Newton, Jonas Ball Esqr, George Brigham, Mark Collins Jnr } for a Committee to hire Schoolmasters

Committe to hire School masters

on art 7th Voted to Raise fourty Pounds to pay Schoolmasters the Year Ensuing then Voted to Grant and raise the Sum of One Hundred Pounds to pay Town debts the Year Ensuing all to be assesed and Levied on the Pools and Ratable Estates of the Inhabitants of Southborough

£40. to pay Schoolmasters

accounts allowed

On Art 8th Granted to the Widow Sarah Brigham	£3 - 10 - 6
Granted to Mark Collins Jnr	2 - 9 - 0
Granted Jonas Ball Esqr	1 - 3 - 0
Granted to Solomon Newton	1 - 9 - 0
Granted to the Overseers of the Poor	1 - 0 - 6
Granted to James Bridges	3 - 4 - 8
Granted to William Winchester Jnr	0 - 8 - 7
Granted to Daniel Graves	0 - 3 - 0
Granted to Nathan Bridges	1 - 10 - 0
Granted to James Parker	0 - 10 - 7
Granted to Lt Hezekiah Tray	0 - 19 - 8
Granted to Nicholas Hopping	0 - 12 - 0
Granted	
Granted to Capt Wm Winchester	3 - 8 - 0 Exclusive of the the the Town have against him

on art 9th Solomon Newton, Jonas Ball, Abel Mathews, Mark Collins Jnr } a Committee to Proportion out the School money the Year Ensuing —

See next page

March 4th 1789

on Art. 10th.. Voted to Let their Swine run at Large the Year Ensuing
on Art. 11th. Voted to Sel Timothy Pirce to the highest Bider, accordingly he was
Tim Pirce Set up at Vendue and Struck of to Ebenezer Bellows for one Year at fifty
Diſpos'd of Dollars for which he is to be anſwerable to the Town for at the Expiration of
for 1789 Said Year — then Voted to adjourn the meeting til monday next at [illegible]
PM at this place - - - - - atteſt Elijah Brigham Modr.
Southborough March 9th 1789 the Town being Met agreeable to adjournment
Proceeded to act as follows (viz) -

On art 12th.. Voted to Set up all the Paupers of Said Town to the Lowest Bider then
the paupers Voted to set up Andrew Newtons Wife to the Loweſt bider for the Year Enſu-
Diſpos'd of -ing for her Support as in health — at the purcheser to be Intitled to all her Labo-
-ur she is able to do the Town to Provide her Clothing and pay all
and to who her Neceſsary Doctering — accordingly She was Set up and Struck
off to John Prentis at One Shilling and Eleven pence pr. Week - - -

Article 13th paſsed in the Negative — — —

On art. 14th. Voted to Chuse a Committee of 5 Perſons to Seat the Meeting Houſe then
Committee Made Choise of Solomon Newton George Brigham Majr. Champney
to Seat the meeting house Jonas Ball Esqr. William Onthank as a Committee for the Purpose
aforesaid. and they are to report to the Town at the Next aspd. Meeting

On Art. 15th. the Votes being Calld & Counted ware found as follows for Nathan Perry
County Treaſurer 10 Votes for County Treaſurer the Year Enſuing — — — —
on art. 16th. Voted to allow Capt. Wm. Wincheſter three pounds Eight Shillings L.M.
Winchester Exclusive of a Note that the Town has against him or Twelve Doll-
Settled with ars, which is to be given up to him or Order on his giving a [illegible]
in full Satisfaction of Debts dues and all other Demands [illegible]
he has against the Town of Southboro —

On Art. 17th. Voted to Chuse a Committe of 3 perſons to View the Road and to
David Fays Consider of and make report at our anual Meeting in the Next
Committee accordingly Chose Majr. Jona. Champney Mark Collins Jr. Nathan
on a Road Bridges for the aforesaid Purpose — — — — —

on art 18th. Voted to paſs over this article finally — — — —

on art. 19 Voted to Direct the Committee for hireing School Maſters
to hire som person or perſons Inhabitants of Southboro.
Schoolmasters to be hired in Town in [illegible] to keep a School or Schools in Said Town the Year Enſuing
on Art. 20th. Voted to allow and Grant to Paul Newton the Sum of
Ten pounds for his Services as Conſtable in the Year 1781
More £10 to Paul Newton Voted to Grant to John Richards the Sum of three pounds
and to John Richards Seven Shillings for the Coſt of a State Execution — —
On Art. 21st.. Paſsed in the Negative then Voted to adjourn this Meeting
until Apl. Meeting Next at four OClock PM - - - -

atteſt Elijah Brigham Modr.

Meeting adjourned
til Apl.

☞ Turn over

March Meeting continued by adjournment

Apl. 6th 1789

The Town being met Agreeable to Adjournment to this day and and there Proceeded to act as follows (viz)

On Art. 14th The Committee for Seating the Meeting House made Report of their Proceeding, accordingly it was read & Excepted by the Town

art 7th the Committee Reported in the Negative with regard to Fays Reqt

art 2d: Voted to Excuse David Woods from Serving wardeene this year and then Choſe Ezekiel Collins accordingly he & Ward ware Sworn

the Conclusion of March Meeting

Then Voted to Diſsolve the Meeting atteſt Elijah Brigham Mod

Recd and Recorded by Wd. Montague Town Clerk

Worceſter ss- To Abel Chamberlain or John Richards Conſtables for Southborough or Either of them Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts You are hereby required to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town Quallefide by Law to Vote for Govenor Lt Govenor and Senetors agreeable to the Conſtitution of this Commonwealth to Meet at the Publick Meeting Houſe in Said Town on Monday the Sixth day of april next at one oClock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles viz

1st For the Town to bring in their Votes for Govenor Lt Govenor and Senetors agreeable to the Conſtitution

2d to Chuſe a Moderator for the Remaining buſineſs of the Meeting

3d To See if the Town will Grant a Sum of Money Sufficient to pay the overpluss that the Several Schoolhouſes Coſt More, than the Money already Granted will pay or Act thereon as they think beſt

4th To See if the Town Inſtruct the Committee for Squadring out the School Money to make any alterations in the Same, from what has been heretofore practized or act there on as the Tow think beſt when Met

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this warrant with your doings there on to us on or before the time appointed for holding Said Meeting given under our hands and Seal at Southboro: this Twenty third day of March in the Year of our LORd one thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Nine

Nathn Bridges
Elijah Brigham
Jona Champney
Jona Ball
Heman Fay
} Selectmen for Southboro

Worceſter ss, Southborough Apl. 6th 1789
By Virtue of the within Warrant and agreeable to the Directions within Mentioned I have warned all the free holders and other Inhabitants of Said Town to Meet at time and place as within Limited by Setting a Coppy of the Warrant at the Meeting Houſe

Abel Chamberlain } Conſtable for Southboro

Recd & Recorded by Wd. Montague Town Clerk

Apl. 6th 1789

The Town being Met agreeable to the forgoing Warrant and proceeded to act as follows viz the Town brot in their Votes for a Govenor Lt. Govenor & Senetors which ware as follows viz — — —

art. 1st

for Govenor	his Excellency Jno. Hancock	55 Votes
	James Bowdoin Eſqr.	3 Votes
Leiut. Govenor	Saml. Adams Eſqr.	29 Votes
	Benjn Lincoln Eſqr.	24 Votes
first Senetor	Timothy Pain Eſqr.	19 Votes
	Seth Waſhburn Do.	19 Do.
	Genl. Ward	5 Do.
	Genl. Warner	1 Do.
Second Senetor	John Feſendon Eſqr.	13 Votes
	Timothy Paine Eſqr.	8 Do.
	Abel Wilder Eſqr.	7 Do.
	Saml Baker Eſqr.	3 Do.
	Genl. Warner	2 Do.
third Senetor	Abel Wilder	24 Votes
	Samuel Baker	4 Do.
fourth Senetor	Andrew Peters	14 Votes
	Amos Singletary	8 Do.
fifth Senetor	Moſes Gill Eſqr.	14 Votes
	Iſaac Davis	8 Do.
	Seth Waſhburn	1 Vote

a Coppy of the above was Sent to the Secretarys office as the Law requires — — —

On Art. 2d. Made Choise of Mr Elijah Brigham Moderator for the Remaining part of the Meeting

On Art. 3d. Voted to Chuſe a Committee to View the Several Schoolhouses in Said Southborough and Report to the Town at the adjournment of this Meeting then Voted to Chuse a Committee of 5 to Examin the Same then Chose Nathn. Bridges Ezra Taylor Capt Newton Mark Collins Junr. and George Brigham

On Art. 4th Voted to Direct the Committee for the purpose of Squadroning out the School Money that they give the Center Squadron Such a part of Said Money that is Granted by Said Town for the Purpos of Schooling the year Enſuing as to Enable them to keep a School in Said Squadron fifteen Weeks the present year -

Then Voted to Adjourn this Meeting until May Meeting Next at four oClock P.M. -

atteſt Elijah Brigham Mod:

Southboro May 4th 1789 the Town being Met agreeable to adjournment to this day Proceeded to act as follows viz Voted to ajourn this Meeting to this day Fortnight at this place 4 oClock PM

atteſt E Brigham Moderator

Southboro May 18th 1789 the Town Met agreeable to ajournment and proceed to adjourn the Meeting one Fortneight from this day at this place 4 oClock PM-

(See Next page) atteſt Elijah Brigham Mod-

May 4th 1789

Southboro June 1st 1789 the Town being Met according to
& the foregoing adjournment and Proceeded to act as follows viz
on 3d art. Voted Not to raise or Grant any Money to compleat the pay of the
Schoolhouses. then Voted to Dissolve the Meeting attest E Brigham Mod^r
Rec^d & Recorded by Uri^l Montague Town Clerk

(B) Worcester ss. To Jn^o Richards Constable for Southboro
Greeting In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required fourthwith to warn all the freeholders and Other Inhabitants of Said Town Quallefide to Vote for a Representatives, to Meet at the Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the fourth Day of May Next at 1 OClock P. M. then and there to act on the following articles (viz)

First for the Town to bring in their Votes for a Representative to Represent them in the Gen^l Court of this Commonwealth the Year Ensuing or act there on as the Town think fit when Met

2^d To Chuse a Moderator for the Remaining Business of the Meeting

3^d For the Town to Lease out the Work House in Said Town and the Land belonging to the Same for One Year from the first of March last past, to the highest bider or act there on as the Town think best when Met

4^th To See if the Town will make Jn^o Richards any allowences for three Eight Dollar Bills (New Emetions) which Proved Counterfit, or act there on as the Town think best when Met

5^th To See if the Town will Allow Paul Newton for the Costs of the Several Executions he had in Consequence of being Collector in the Year 1781 or pass any Vote or Votes respecting the Same as they think fit when Met--

this Art. Requested by a Vote in ~~an~~ from the Chh— which you may find page 200

6^th To See if the Town will Concur with; and Join the Church in this Town in Giveing M^r. Nathaniel How of Ipswich, a Call to Settle with us in the Gospel Ministry in this Town or act there on as the Tow^n Shall think best when Met — — — -

Here of fail Not and Make Due Return of this Warrant with your Doings to Us. on or before the time appointed for holding Said Meeting Given under our hand and Seal at Southborough this Twentieth day of Apriel in the year of Our Lord One Thousend Seven Hundred and Eighty Nine and in the thirteenth Year of the Independance of the United States of America
By Order of the Select Men Uriel Montague Town Clerk—

Worcester ss. in Obedience to the within Warrant I have fully Executed it at Southborough May the fourth 1789

John Richards } Constable for Southboro

May 4th 1789

the Town being Met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant and
Proceeded to act as follows viz — — — — — — — —

on Art. 1st Voted to Send a Representative the present Year
then Made Chose Elijah Brigham to Represent them in
the Genl. Court the Year Ensuing —

on Art. 2d Chose Elijah Brigham Moderator for the remaining business

on Art. 3d Voted that the Selectmen be Impowerd to Lease the Work House
and Land belonging to the Same to Nicholass Hopping for the Term
of One Year from the first of March last, for the Sum of Two Pounds

art 4 Voted to Dismiss the article finally — — — —

on Art. 5th Voted to pay to Paul Newton three pounds twelve Shillings
for the Cost he paid on Several State Exns — — £3.12

Paul Newton allowd. £3-12-0

on art. 6th Voted to hear Mr. Nathaniel How further — — — —
then Voted to Chuse a Committee of Ten persons five from the
Chh & five from the Town, from the Chh. ware Chosen Col. Ward
Deacn. Newton Nathan Bridges Lieut. Wm Collins Lt. E Chamberlin
and from the Congregation Chose Sol. Newton, Jonas Ball, Benj
Parker Abner Parker, & Herman Fay, they are if Possible to
devise some method to Settle the Matter which has long Subsisted
between the Chh. & Those in Covenant only the Chh forbiding any to
one Seal unless they Come to the other See Chh Records 1787 — —
the Said Committee, to report to the Town at the adjournment of
the Meeting then Voted to adjourn this Meeting to this day fortnt.
at this place at 2 oClock afternoon attest Elijah Brigham Mo

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Southboro May 18th 1789 The Town being Met agreeable to
ajornment, and Proceeded to act as follows (viz) — —

on 6th art. Voted that they are ready to Join with the Church and
Give Mr. How a Call to Settle with us in the work of the Gospel
Ministry in this Town, then Voted Unanimously to give him
a Call Provided the Matter is Settled between the Chh & Town
then Voted to Chuse a Committee of 5 Persons to Draft a Call
then Chose Col. Jona Ward Majr. Champney Dr. Montague
Nathan Bridges & Jonas Ball for that purpose then Voted
Voted to ajourn this Meeting a Fortnight from this day
at this Place at 2 Oclock PM attest Elijah Brigham Mo —

Southborough June 1st 1789 the Town being Met according to adjourn-
ment Proceeded to act as follows viz

in 6 art. The Committ for Drafting a Call for Mr. Nathl. How reported in form, and
and the question being put the House was divided and accepted by a Ma-
jority of 3 persons then Voted to adjourn this Meeting til Thursday
the fourth day of June Inst at 3 Oclock P.M. attest E Brigham Mo
Southborough June 4th 1789 the Town being Meet agreeable to ajorn
and Proceeded to act as followeth viz) Voted to ajorn for half an hour
attest E Brigham Moderator

June 4th 4 Oclock P.M. the Town Met agreeable to ajournment
and Proceeded to act as follows viz Motion was Made & Seconded to have
the Call read and it was read a Second time the Vote was put again to see whether
they would accept of it as now Stands Yeas 46 — Nays 10 then Voted to Chuse a Commit-
tee of 5 Persons to present the Call (hereafter recorded) to the Revd. Mr. How accordingly
Chose Col. Ward. N. Bridges. Elijh Brigham. Majr. Champney and [illegible] Newton for sd
Committee then Voted to Dissolve the Meeting attest Elijah Brigham Mo

June 4th 1789

Mr Hows first Call

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester ss the Inhabitants of Southborough in Said County of Worcester, being Legally assembled, in Legal Town Meeting began & held in Sd Southborough on May 4th 1789 & Continued by adjournments to June 1st 1789 and the Chh of Christ with the other Inhabitants of Sd Town acting Jointly in Christian Union have & do think proper to Elect & Chuse Mr Nathl How of Ipswich in the County of Essex and Said Commonwealth a Candidate for a Gospel Minister and do accordingly Elect & Make Choice of the Sd Nathl How, and in a most Serious & ~~Sollemn~~ Solemn Manner Invite & Call him the Said Nathl How to Settle in and be ordain'd in the Sacred work & Labour of the Gospel Ministry of Jesus Christ ~~in~~ over Sd Inhabitants of Sd Southboro, and in holy boldness & Godly Candor to take the Charge over Sd Chh & People in the Lord Not Lording it over gods heritage but Discharging the Various Duties appertaining to the office of a Gospel Minister of Jesus Christ according to the rules laid down in the word of God Contained in the Scriptures of the old & New Testaments Teaching & Instructing, exhorting, Perswading, advising admonishing, reproving & Rebuking in Publick & In privet being Instant in Season & out of Season as occation may requi- according to the word of God, Studying to Shew thy Self approved unto God a workman that needith not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of Truth and administring the Seales of the Covenant namely Baptism & the Lords Supper to the proper Subjects of the Same

and for a reward of the Services of the Said Nathl How in the work of the Ministry, if he Settles & is ordained in Said Town of Southboro, we Sd Inhabitants Engage & promis to pay him the Sd Nathl How his heirs & assigns one hundred and fifty Six Pounds for a Settlement accounting Spanish Mill Dollars At Six Shillings Each dollar and to pay one half of the Same which is Seventy Eight Pounds at the End of One Year from and after his being ordain'd in Said Southboro, and the Other half part being a like Sum of Seventy Eight pounds at the End of Two Years from and after his being ordained, al to be without Intrest and also to pay & Deliver him the Said Nathl How Yearly and Every Year from his being ordained and Durenig the time he Continues to preach and preform as a Gospel Minester ought to do, in Said Southborough and No Longer (See Next Page)

Seventy Pounds Lawfull Money accounting Spanish Milled Dollars at Six Shillings each and alfo to Deliver ~~him~~ Eighteen Coard of Good Merchantable fire Wood four feet in Length Each and every Year from his being ordained and dureing his Continuing to preach in Said Southboro. the Money to be paid and Wood to be Delivered at the Dwelling House of Sd. How in Said Southboro. which is for his Yearly Sallary. which Call is on Condition only that the Sd. Nathl. How Shall not Claim to him Self aright to Negative the Said Church in any Matter of Church Difciplin any thing Containing here in to the Contrary notwithstanding Signed by

N. B. you will find the Call of the Chh to Mr. How and their request for an article in the Warrant you may See at Large in page --- 200

Jon.a Ward
Jon.a Champney
Url. Montague
Nathan. Bridges
Jonas Ball

Committee of Said Town

Received and Recorded by Uriel Montague Town Clerk

Worcester ss, To Mr. Abel Chamberlain Constable for Southboro. Greetin In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are Forthwith Required to warn all the free holders and other Inhabitants of Said Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to assemble at the publick Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the fourth day of May Next at 5 oClock after noon then and there to act on the following articles viz

first To Chuse a Moderator for Said Meeting

Secondly For the Town to See what Measures they will take for the Support of one Abraham Newton Brot to this Town by Lawfull athority from the Town of Leverett and act there on as they think fit when met Here of fail not and Make due return of this Warrant with your doings there on to us on or before the time appointed for holding Said Meeting Given Under our hands and Seal at Southborough this first day of May in the Year of our Lord 1789

Elijah Brigham
Jon.a Champney
Nathan. Bridges

Select Men for Southboro

Worcester ss. In Obedience to the within Warrt. I have Warned the freeholders and Other Inhabitants of Southborough to Meet at the time & place as within Directed pr. Abel Chamberlain Constable for Southboro
Southborough May 4th 1789

officers Return

Southborough May 4th 1789 the Town being Met according to the foregoing Warrant and Proceeded to act viz

on art. 1 Chose Elijah Brigham Moderator

on art. 2 Voted to put out Abraham Newton to be Supported on the Town Cost, to the Lowest Bidder for three Months, and he was accordingly Set up and Struck of to Daniel Graves for that term at four Shillings and ten pence pr. Week then Voted to Dissolve the Meeting attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recd. & Recorded by Uriel Montague Town Clerk

July 6th 1789

Worceſter SS. To Abel Chamberlain or Jno. Richards Conſtables for Southborough or Either of them Greeting ——
In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts you are here by required to warn all the freeholders and Other Inhabitants of Sd. Town Quallefide to Vote in Town Affairs to Met to Meet at the publick Meeting Houſe in Said Town, on Monday the 6th. day of July Next at five O'Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles viz

1st firſt to Chuſe a Moderator for Said Meeting

2d Seondly to See what method the Town will take to Settle or Diſcharge an Execution againſt the Town Now in the hands of Cyrus Fairbank, or paſs any Vote or Votes reſpecting the Same as the Town think beſt when Mett

3 thirdly to See what the Town will do with Saml. Dunton and famaly which are becom paupers of Said Town or paſs any Vote or Votes reſpecting the Same the Town beſt when Met

Hereof fail Not and make due return of this Warrant with your Doing thereon to Us on or before the time appointed for holding Said Meeting Given Under our hands and Seal at Southborough this 30th day of June and in the Year of our Lord One thousend Seven hundred and Eighty Nine

Url. Montague } pr. Order of the Selectmen

N.B. you are to Notefy and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants belonging to your deſtrict by Verbal Notice
Url. Montague - - - } pr. order Selectmen

Worceſter SS. Southborough July 6th 1789 we have Executed the within Warrant as within directed pr. Abel Chamberlain
John Richards - - } Conſtables for Southboro

Southborough July 6th 1789 The Town being Met agreeable to the forgoing Warrant and proceeded to act as follows viz

Art. 1st Choſe Mr. Elijah Brigham Moderator — — — —

Art. 2d Voted to paſs over this article finally - - - - - -

Art. 3d Voted to Leave Saml. Dunton and famaly in the hands of the overſeers of the Poor to be taken Care of as they think fitt —

Recorded by Url. Montague Town Clerk

Mr. Howes first answer

To the Church of Christ and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Southboro

the Church of Christ and other Inhabitants of the Town of Southborough some time since, ware pleased to give me an Invitation to settle with them in the gospel Ministry — this Call I have taken Under Serious consideration, have also received the advice of friends, and I trust, act Under the Direction of heaven, when I inform that I cannot feel myself disposed — Neither do I think it my duty to settle with you on the Conditions proposed. it is Not my desire that the Town should make any alteration in their proposals to me to settle with them but consider this as a Negative answer to the call they have given me as People Usually wish for reasons in such cases as this, I shall take the Liberty to mention some that have had considerable Influence on my Mind — the Sallery proposed is seventy Pounds, and Eighteen Cords of wood which every man must know who is acquainted with the Expence of a famaly can be no more than Necessity will require for their yearly Support. in this case nothing is laid up at the years End — and I am informed by the call ~~that~~ the sallery is to continue as long as I continue to preach and no longer — what a deplorable situation must your Ministers famaly be in provided he should be sick — in time of sickness Expences are great, and what must be done when there is no income to defray them when a Man has a Servant who labours for his Master while he is wel, the Master supports him while he is sick. and is it not reasonable that a people should do as wel by their Minister as a Master does by his Servant, the same reasons which will require the master to support the Servant when sick, will require a People to support their Minister when sick provided his Sallery be no greater than his Necessary yearly Support or Expence — the Union of the ~~Town~~ people cannot be considered very great, when we recollect the Number in opposition, and consider the respectabilly of the famalies to which those Gentleman belong — Besides this there are a large Number who have Not made known their minds one way or Nor the other, which is to me, a great objection for such persons are frequently the Most difficult members of Society —

Suffer me at this time to render you my sincere thanks for those kindnesses and that respect which I have received from you and while we shall be separated from Each Other let our prayers Unitedly ascend to the Father of Mercies, that he would bestow on you a faithfull Gospel Minister, and bless Each of Us with every thing we Need for this coming world — Your sincere friend — — —

Nathl. Howe —

Delivered to the of Southboro.
July 19th A.D. 789

Received and Recorded by Wm. Montague Town Clerk

Augt. 1789

Worceſter ſs

To Abel Chamberlain or Jno. Richards Conſtables for Southboro, or Either of them Greeting In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts you are required forthwith to warn all the freeholders and Other Inhabitants of Said Town Quallifide to Vote in Town Meetings to Meet at the publick Meeting house In Sd. Town on Tuesday the Eleventh day of August Next at four OClock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles viz

1st. to Chuse a Moderator for Sd. Meeting

2d. to See what methods the Town will take to Supply the pulpit, or whither, they will will give their present Committee any Inſtructions reſpecting the Same; or whither the Town will renew their Call to Mr. Nathl. Howe, or paſs any Vote or Votes reſpecting the Same as the think beſt when met —

3d. To See what the Town will do with abraham Newton and what method they will take for his Support or paſs any Vote or Votes reſpecting the Same as the Town beſt when Met

Here of fail Not and make due return of this warrant with your doings there on to us on or before the time appointed for holding Said Meeting Given Under our hands and Seal at Southboro. this Twenty Eighth day of July In the Year of our LOrd one thousend Seven hundred and Eighty Nine — By order of the Selectmen

Wm. Montague Town Clerk

also Recd. & Recorded by

Wm. Montague Town Clerk

Southboro. Augt. 11th. 1789 I have fully Executed the within warrant pr John Richards Conſtable for Southboro.

- Southboro Augt 11th 1789 the Town being met agreeable to the warrant, Proceeded to act as follows viz

on Art. Chose Mr Brigham Moderator.

Voted to paſs ove the Second article for the preſent and

on art 3d Voted to Vendue Abrm. Newton to the Loweſt bidder for his Support for the term of 3 Months unleſs Sooner Diſchargd accordingly he was Set up and truck of to Cyrus Newton at Seven Shillings and Six pence pr. week

on Art 2d. Voted to renew their Call to Mr. Nathl Howe to Settle ~~with them in the Ministry then Voted to~~ Chuse a ~~Committee to draft~~ a Call to Mr Howe then Votes ~~that the Committee Consist~~ of 5 Persons accordingly Chose Col. Ward Majr. Champney, Elijah Brigham. Nathan Bridges. Mark Collins Jr. } See page 304 —

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To Mr. Nathl. How of Ipſwich in the County of Eſsex and Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts, a Candidate for a Goſpel Miniſter — —

Sir whereas the Chh and other Inhabitants of the Town of Southboro. In the County of Worceſter and Sd Commonwealth, did, some time paſt give You a Call to settle and be ordained over Sd Inhabitants in Sd Southboro. as a Goſpel Miniſter of Jeſus Christ to which Call you gave a Negative anſwer – and we the Sd Inhabitants Including Sd Chh being this 17th day of Augt. AD 1789 Legally aſsembled – In Legal Town Meeting held on an adjournment, and taking the affair of Settling a Miniſter in Said Southboro. under Conſideration, have, and do, now Invite, Call, and reelect, and make Choiſe of the Said Mr. Nathl. Howe to Settle and be Ordained over

Mr. NH Calls Said Inhabitants in Sd Southboro. in the work and Labour of a Goſpel Miniſter of Jeſus Christ – – and for a reward of the Service of you the Sd Nathl. Howe in the work of the Miniſtry in Said Southboro. if You Settle and be Ordained in Said Southboro. we Said Inhabitants of Sd Southboro Agree Ingage & Promice to pay You the Sd Nathl. Howe, Your Heirs, and aſsigns, One Hundred & fifty six pounds for a Settlement – accounting Spanish Mill'd Dollars at Six Shillings Each Dollar, and to pay one half – of the Same being £78 – at the End of one Year from and after Your being Ordained in Sd Southboro. and the other half being £78 – of like Money at the End of two Years. from and after Your being Ordained in Sd Southboro all to be without Intreſt – and Alſo – to pay and Deliver You the Sd Nathl. Howe annually – (or to begin at the End or Expiration of one Year, next, from, and after Your being Ordained in Sd Southboro. and so, at the End and Expiration of Each and Every Year Next after Your being Ordained in Sd Southboro,) viz Dureing the Natural Life of you the Sd Nathl. Howe. Unleſs You Shall otherwiſe be legally Diſmiſsed from Your paſtoral Office in Said Town,) viz Seventy Pounds of like Money, and Eighteen Cords of good Merchantable fire Wood four feet in length which is to be for Your yearly Sallery

Which Call, is on Condition only ~~that~~ you the Sd Nathl. Howe shall not Claim to Your Self any right to Negative this Church in any

Condition Matters of Chh Diſcipline any thing Contained herein to the Contrary Notwithſtanding Sign'd by

Jona. Ward
Jona. Champney
Elijh. Brigham
Nathn. Bridges
Mark Collins Jr.
Committee

Recd. Augt. 18th 1789 and

Recorded by Gd. Montague Town Cler

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Then Voted to adjourn the Meeting Until Monday
Next at four O Clock afternoon at this place attest E. Brigham Mod
Monday August 17th 1789 The Town Met agreeable to adjournment and proceeded to hear the Report of their Committee
Chosen to fram a Call, and State Conditions to Mr Howe agreeable to the 2d Article in the Warrant which Report you will
find at Large in the page Previous to this viz {303

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Committee Chosen to [illegible] a Call to Mr N.H.

then Voted to ad two Cords of wood to the Sallary, then Voted
to Reconsider the Vote for ading the wood as aforesaid and Voted
to Give him Eighteen Cords of Wood yearly - then the report
of the Committee had a Second reading and Vote tryd and
it was Accepted for 60 against 11 then Voted to Chuse a Committee
to wait on Mr Howe and present the Call to him than
Voted the Committee consist of 2 persons - then Chose Lt Hezekiah
Fay and Nathn Bridges for that purpose then reconsidered
the Vote for Sending two and Concluded to send Lt Fay only —
then Voted to Dissolve the Meeting attest E Brigham Mod

Recorded by Wm Montague T. C.

Worcester ss To Abel Chamberlain Constable for
Southborough Greeting
In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are
hereby Required forthwith to Warn all the free holders and
Other Inhabitants of the Town of Southborough Qualified
to Vote in Town Meetings to meet at the Meeting House in
Said Town on Monday the 17th Inst. at 5 O Clock P.M. then
and there to act on the following Articles viz — — — —
1st to Chuse a Moderator for Said Meeting
2. to See what method the Town will take to settle the action brot against
the Town by Mr Benjn Greene or act thereon as the Town think fit
when met — hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant
with your doings thereon to us on or before the time appointed for
Given under our hands and Seal at Southboro this Eleventh day of
August in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty
[illegible] Nine By order of the Selectmen Wm Montague Town Clerk

Worcester ss. Southboro August 17th 1789
I have Executed this Warrant as within Directed

Abel Chamberlain } Constable for Southboro

Southboro. Augt 17 1789
Ye Town being Met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant and [illegible]
to act as follows viz —

art. 1st Choſe Mr Elijah Brigham Moderator for the Meeting —

art. 2d the Town Voted ~~that~~ the Treaſurer be directed to Procure
Money sufficient to pay Mr Greene what is his due and the
Lawfull Coſt ariſing on the ſuit the ſaid Greene brot againſt the
Town, In the Eaſieſt and Cheapeſt way and manner he can —
Then Voted to Diſsolve the Meeting atteſt Elijah Brigham Moderator
Recorded by Uriel Montague Town Clerk

Treaſurer Directed to settle with the Revd. Mr greene

To the Church of Chriſt & other Inhabitants of Southborough. sensations
of gratitude ariſe in my breast, for the favourable Oppinion you have
formed of me since the time I have reſided with you, & whereas
you have been pleased Sometime past, to recall me to settle with
you in this Town, as your Goſpel Miniſter — it hath cauſed me Care
fully to Conſider your Situation, and mine. and to use the best of
my Judgment in this matter which is of so much Importance both
to you and me — Suffer me to Inform you that I have ask'd the Dir
ection of God, and recd the advice of men and after the
Moſt mature Deliberation, have concluded to anſwer you
In the Negative:— The reaſons of my anſwering you in this
way, are so numerous & various that you will pleaſe to Excuſe
me from Deſcending to particulars — But, let me aſſure you
that when taken together, they appear to me to be quite ſuffi
cient, some of which do not regard the Town, nor its proceeding
and Others that have a Conſiderable Influence on my
mind - are Such as would not be wel for me to ſpeak, nor
you to hear - since to relate them would give me pain &
and afford you no pleaſure — however God who is the righ
teous Governor of the world - orders all things in Infinite
Wiſdom, and Diſpoſes of all ~~things~~ Events for his own Glory
and the beſt good of his people, and he hath promised
that all things shall work together for good to them that
Love him. Let us then feel our Dependance upon him
be reſigned to the Diſpoſals of his Providence - not murmur
ing under the Diſappointments of life — but chearfully
rendering Obedience to the divine Commands —
Determined to do our Duty in all reſpects - for in this way
we shall be supplied with all temporal & spiritual
Bleſsings and finally obtain an Inheritance in that
world where trouble shall never come —

Delivered to the [illegible] Octr 25th [illegible]
Your Sincere friend
Natll Howe

Recorded by U Montague Town Clerk

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To the Selectmen & Overseers of the poor for the Town of Southboro. in the County of Worcester. Gentlemen

Lydia Amsdon Resign ation — I Lydia Amsden of said Southboro. a single woman Aged about Nineteen Years hereby Inform you that I am in Poor Indigent Circumſtancies having no home and have not any relations in Circumſtancies that are flourishing that I can call Upon to releave ~~me~~ and take care of me in my preasant Unhappy Circumſtancies or Condition and as I am Now with Child by Abner Abbot a resident In Sd Southboro. and I shall probably Need aſsiſtance and Support from you as I shall not be able to do. Provide for, and take care of my Self, and I hereby Inform you of the Same and cast my self and all my Estate Upon you, I also call Upon you for your aid and aſsistance and Expect your kind Interposition and aſsistance to take care of me and my little Estate — and Gentlemen I Inform you, that the said Abner is apprehended by a Warrant as being the father of the Bastard Child with which I am pregnant. and Expect you take Care of the same In future — as you in your wisdom think fit — I am Gentlemen &c

Lydia Amsden

witneſs Jona Ward
David Amsdon

The Estate that belongs to me Lydia Amsden is a Legacy

her Estate — left me by my Grandfather Joseph [illegible] Decd — of Ten Pounds for which a Note Signd by Joseph Witherbee is given for Security and Lodgd with Robert Day and payable some future day — and some small Matters besides, which is Due to me for wages from Sundry persons all of which I commit & give in to the hands and Care of said Selectmen of Southboro witneſs my hand

Lydia Amsden

Test Jona Ward
David Amsden

N.B. Mr G Brigham Treasurer for Southboro. recd a Note of thirteen pounds 6/8 given to him for the Use of the Town Signd by Abbot [illegible] to on a Settlement for his son Abner Abbot for which Mr Brigham is accountable

Recorded by Wm Montague Town Clerk —

Graves acct & Rec.pt Southborough Nov.r 23.d 1789 at a Meeting of the Selectmen this day Daniel Graves Exhibeted an acct. wherein he Charges the Town to Indebted to him in the Sum of £3 - 3 . 6 for Baurding Abraham Newton a ſuppoſed pauper 13 weeks & one day - the Said acct was allowd and he Rec.d an order for the same - at the same time Discharged or Receipted on the back of the acct. as follows - I have Rec.d the Contents of the within acct. in full p.r Daniel Graves - Rec.d & Recorded by
Ur.l Montague Town Cler

Doct.rs Bills The Town of Southboro D.r to Me the Subſcriber for Visits & Medicines apply.d to the Several Paupers of Said Town from March 29th 1788 to Nov.r 23.d 1789 Total Errors Excepted £2 - 11 - 7
Southboro Nov.r 23.d 1789 —— —— Ur.l Montague

and his Rec.pt then Rec.d 2 orders for the above Sum, Deducting out 12/9 which I owed Said Town for the use of a pew in the meeting Houſe and a Small Piece of Land South of my Now Dwelling Houſe I say Rec.d payment in full p.r Ur.l Montague alſo
Recorded by Ur.l Montague as Town Cler

Southboro 23.d Nov.r 1789

18 [illegible] To Abel Chamberlain Conſtable for Southboro Greeting In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts you are hereby Required forthwith to warn all the [illegible] Inhabitants of Said Town Qualified to vote in Town Meetings to meet at the Meeting house in s.d Southboro on [illegible] day of this Inst. Dec.r at one o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles (viz) —

1st To Chuſe a Moderator for Said Meeting —
2. To See if the Town will take any Method for the Relief of Andrew Newton from his preſent Confinement or act there on as the Town think Best when met — — —
3. To See what the Town will do further Reſpecting the Support of Abraham Newton or act there on as the Town think best
4. To See if the Town will make a Grant of Money sufficient to pay the Overplus of what the Schoolhouses in this Town will cost more than the Money already Granted will pay — —
5th To See if the Town will ratify the Proceedings of the Selectmen so far as it reſpects the Road on Mathewses Hill so Called or act there on as the Town think Best when Met. —
6 To See if the Town will Chuſe a Committee to Repair the windows in the Meeting Houſe in Said Town — — — —
(7) To See if the Town will give their preſent Committee for Supplying the Pulpit Any Inſtructions Reſpecting the same or act there on as the Town think fit when met — — —
8th To See if the Town will Grant the Widow Delivera [illegible] any fire Wood this Year or act there on as the Town think best

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your Doings there on to us on or before the time appointed for holding said Meeting Given Under our hands and Seal at Southboro this Seventh day of December in the Year of Our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Nine By Order of the Selectmen
Uriel Montague Town Clerk

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Decr. 25th 1789

Worcester ss. Southborough Decr. 21st. 1789 I have Warned the Qualified Voters in Said Town to Appear at time & place as within Directed by Posting a Copy of the Same Agreeable to a Vote of Said Towne —

Abel Chamberlain Constable for Southborough

Southborough December 21st 1789 The Town being met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant they Proceded to Act as follows

(Wit) Art 1 Chose Elijah Brigham Moderator for said Meeting

Art 2d Voted to Leave the Matter Respecting Andrew Newton To the Select Men

Art 3d Voted to Leave the mater respecting Abraham Newton to the Overseers of the Poor —

(4th) pass'd In the Negative

(5) Voted to Discontinue that part of the Town Road on Mathewses Hill so Cal'd that Abijah Gale has Got within his fence on the Southerly side of the County Road as the fence Now stands, and make Sale of the same to him the said Gale his Heirs and assigns for Ever for the Sume of Nine Shillings Also Voted to Give David Fay after the Rate of three pounds pr. Acre for the Land the Town Took from him to Make Out the County Road on Mathewses Hill so Cal'd three Rods in width — — —

(6) Voted to Chose a Committee to repair the windows &c then Chose Mr. George Brigham for that purpose —

(7) Voted that the present Committee for Supplying the pulpit act their Descresion about Supplying the Same

Art 8th Voted to Give the Widow Sadler 7 1/2 Cords of fire Wood the present year Including 1 1/2 Cord she has already Rec'd by the hand of Joseph Onthank then the Remaining 6 Cords was Set up at Vendue to the Lowest Bidder and Struck off to Lemuel Chamberlain for 5/ pr. Cord Then Voted to Reconsider ~~the vote that~~ the Negative Vote on Art. 4th then Voted to Adjourn the Meeting till Monday Next at One o Clock After Noon

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Sutton April ye 24th 1772

To the Selectmen or Assessors of Southborough These are to Sertify you that Samuel Phillips of ye afore Sd Southborough Do Belong To the Baptists Church in Sd Sutton and has Frequently Partake of the Sacrement of the Lords Supper

Benjamin Marsh Elder

Benjamin Marsh
Natl Jones
David Harwood

By us the Subscribe

Rec^{d} the within Written by the within Named Phillips
October the 6th Day A.D. 1772 & Recorded the the Sa
in the Book of Records for Southborough page 335
attest Jon^{o} Ward Town Clerk
for Southbo

Southborough Decr. 20th 1789

The Town being met agreeable to the foregoing Adjournment and Proceeded to act as followeth viz

on 4th art. Voted to chuse Capt. Gates of Marlboro to Apprise the School Houses in Said Town — then Voted to chuse One Man Out Each Squadron to Go with Capt. Gates to Shew him the Several School houses in Said Town — then Chose Nathn. Bridges Ezra Taylor Capt. Seth Newton and Mr. Elijah Brigham

on Art. 2d The Select Men Reported this day that they had not done any thing about, or Concerning Andrew Newton

then Voted to Dissolve the Meeting Attest E. Brigham Moderator

The foregoing Warrant together with the ~~following~~ Proceedings ware Recd. and Recorded By Url. Montague Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen to Settle with Mr George Brigham Treasurer for the Town of Southboro. for the Year 1789. Met Monday the first day of March 1790 — and having Examined his Accounts we find that he has been Charged with the Sum of Five Hundred Thirty Six pounds fifteen Shillings Nine pence two Farthings — he has Produced Vouchers Shewing that he has paid out Two Hundred Ninty Eight pounds two Shillings two pence two Farthings — and there Still Remains in the Treasurers hands the Sum of Two Hundred Thirty Eight pounds Thirteen Shillings Seven pence — and it appears that the Treasurer has paid Sixteen Shillings 1d. 3qr. more than he has Recd. —
also there is Stil in the Treasurers Hands Nine lb Wt. old Continental Money belonging to the Town —
by Order of the Select Men Uriel Montague Town Clerk

papers Transf arred

Southboro March 1790 — The Select Men Met to Receive and Transfer the Treasurers papers from Mr George Brigham late Treasurer for Said Town, to Mark Collins Junr. Town Treasurer — and when the papers ware Delivered to Said Collins we find he Stands accountable to the Town for the Sum of Two Hundred and Thirty pounds Nine Shillings Eight pence 3qr Exclusive of the old Continental paper Money being Nine pounds Wt. the whol Sum above Described is in the Constables, & Treasurers hands
Recd. & Recorded by Url. Montague Town Clerk

N B Settlement with the Treasurers & Charge the —

March 1790

Worcester Ss. To Abel Chamberlain or John Richards Constables for Southboro. or Either of them Greeting — In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts you are hereby Required forthwith to warn all the freeholders and Other Inhabitants of Sd Town Quallefide by Law to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the Meeting Houſe in Said Town on Monday the first day of March next at Twelve O'Clock at Noon on Sd day then and there to act on the following Articles viz —

Art. (1) To Chuſe a Moderator to Govern said Meeting

(2) To Chuſe Town Officers for the Year Ensuing as the Law Directs

(3) For the Town to Make Choise of some Perſon, or Perſons to Inſpect the Killing of Deer Contrary to Law

(4) To Chuſe Grave Digers, Pound Keeper, and some Perſon to sweep, Lock, & unlock the Meeting Hous the preſent Year

(5) For the Town to agree Upon and Grant a Sum of Money to to Repair Highways the Year Ensuing, and also to State the Price of Labour done on the same the Year Enſuing — — —

(6) To Chuse a Committee to hire Schoolmaſters the Year Enſuing

(7) For the Town to agree upon, and Grant a Sum of Money to pay Schoolmaſters and Other Town Debts the Year Enſuing

(8) For the Town to Consider of and allow all Town Debts to to those to whom they are Juſtly Indebted — — — —

(9) For the Town to Chuſe a Committee to Squadron out the School Money the Year Enſuing — — — — —

(10) For the Town to Determin Whither their Swine Shall run at Large the Year Enſuing — — — — —

(11) To See if the Town will Let out Timothy Pierce and Timothy Bruce to the higheſt bidder for the Year Enſuing also to See if the Town will diſpose of the other pauper of Said Town as Uſual and paſs any Vote or Votes Reſpecting the Same as they think beſt when met

(12) For the Town to bring in their Votes for a County Treaſurer as the Law directs

(13) For the Town to hear the Report of the Committee Choſen to View and aprize the School houses in Said Town or act thereon as they see fit when met — — — see next page

Art. (14) For the Town to Leaſe out the Pew in the Meeting Houſe in s.d Town which is their property to the higheſt bidder or act thereon as they think fit when met — — — — — — — — — —

(15) To see if the Town will Grant a Sum of Money Sufficient to hire a Singing Maſter one Month this Year to Teach the Rules of Singing in Said Town or Act there on as they think beſt when met — — —

(16) To see if the Town will Leaſe out the work Houſe and the Land belonging to the same to the higheſt bidder, or act there on as the Town think beſt when met — — — — —

Here of fail not and make due return of this warrant to us with your Doings thereon at or before the time appointed for holding Said Meeting Given Under our hands and Seal at Southborough this fifteenth day of February in the Year of Our Lord one Thouſand Seven Hundred and Ninty — by Order of the Select Men
Uriel Montague Town Clerk

Worceſter Ss in Obedience to the within warrant I have fully Executed it by poſting a Copy of the warrant agreeable to a Vote of the Town John Richards Conſtable for Southboro
Southboro March 1st 1790 —

Alſo Rec.d & Recorded by Ur.l Montague Town Cler-

Southborough March 1st 1790 — The Town Met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant and proceeded to act as followeth (viz —

on Art(1) Choſe Col.o Jon.a Ward Moderator for the preſent Meeting.

Art. 2). Made Choiſe of Uriel Montague Town Clerk — — and he was Sworn by the Moderator as the Law requires

Then Made Choiſe of

Select Men
Elijah Brigham
Nathan Bridges
Mark Collins Jr.
Jonas Ball
Uriel Montague

Aſseſsors Sol.o Newton
Mark Collins Jr. —
Ezra Taylor — —

N.B. Maj.r Champney and Mr. Heman Fay ware Choſen Selectmen but agreeable to their deſire ware Excuſed — —

Conſtables bound
Abner Parker was Choſen Conſtable for the Weſt End of the Town for the Year Inſuring then Voted to accept of Benjamin Parker in his room, he the Said Abner, being Reſponſible for all the Collections that are Committed to him (by paſsing his Word to the Town) the Year Enſuring — — — —

Conſtable Bound
Then Choſe Reuben Newton Conſtable for the Eaſt End of the Town for the Year Enſuing then Voted to Accept of A William Brithank in his Room, he the Said Reuben being Reſponſible for all the Collections that are Committed to him, by paſsing his word to the Town) the Year Enſuing accordingly they ware Sworn

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Treasurer

On Art.t (2) Chose Mark Collins Jun.r Town Treasurer for the Year Ensuing and he was Sworn the Second day of the Meeting - -

Then Chose Heman Fay - Benj.n Collins
Windslow Newton and Paul Newton

Surveyors of Highways — Surveyors of Highways for the Year Ensuing and Collectors of the Money Granted for the purpose of Repairing Highway within the Town of Southboro the Year Ensuing

Then Voted that the price of Labour done on the said Roads be as last Year

Sealer of Leather — Then Chose Sam.l Hudson Jun.r Sealer of Leather for the Year Ensuing and he was Sworn — --

Surveyor of Lumber — Then Chose Nath.n Bridges Surveyor of Lumber for the Year Ensuing accordingly he was Sworn

overseers — Then Chose Mark Collins - Ezekiel Collins and Zacheus Witherbee overseers of the Poor but they all Declined Serving — — —

Tything men — Then Chose Jesse Eames Tythingman for the Year Ensuing
Then Chose Capt Nath.n Brigham and Lemuel Chamberlin Tythingmen and they ware Chosen and Sworn the 15th day

Fence View ers — Then Chose Elisha Fay & Jedediah Parker Fence Viewers for the Year Ensuing and they ware Sworn — — — —

Field Dri vers — Then Chose Abel Chamberlain and Thomas Williams Field Drivers for the Year Ensuing and they ware Sworn

Hog Reaves — Then Chose Solomon Este - Peter Clark - Jeremiah Newton and Ebenezer Brigham Hog Reaves for the Year Ensuing

on Art (3) Deer Reavs — Chose Col.o Thomas Nixon and Ezra Taylor Deer Reaves for the Year Ensuing. —

Art (4) Chose Ebenezer Bellows and Stephen Bellows Grave Diggers for the Year Ensuing - Then Chose Thomas Stone to Sweep - Lock - and Unlock the Meeting House the year Ensuing - Then Chose M.r George Brigham Pound Keeper the Year Ensuing — — — — — —

On Art (6) Committee to hire Schoolmasters — Chose Ezra Taylor - Zacheus Witherbee Mark Collins Jun.r and Elisha Fay a Committee to hire Schoolmasters this Year

Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting until to Morrow at one o Clock P. M. Attest Jon.a Ward Moderator

Southboro. March the 2d. 1790 - The Town Meet agreeable to their adjournment and proceeded to act as followeth viz — — —

on Art. (5) £50 - H.ways — Voted to Grant and Raiſe the Sum of Fifty Pounds to Repair Highways the Year Enſuing to be Leveyed and aſseſsed on the Pools and Rateble Eſtate of the Inhabitants of the Town of Southboro - the Year Enſuing - - -

Art. 7th) £40 for Schools — Voted to Grant and Raiſe the Sum of Forty Pounds to pay Schoolmaſters the Year Enſuing to be Leveyed and aſseſsed on the Polls and Rateble Estates of the Inhabitants of the sd. Town - -

£100 for Debts — Then Voted to Grant and Raise the Sum of one Hundred Pounds to pay Town Debts the Year Enſuing to be Leveyed and aſseſsed on the Polls and Rateble Eſtate of the Inhabitants of said Town - -

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on Art(8)	Granted to Mark Collins Jnr.	1 - 3 - 0
	Granted to James Onthank - -	0 - 12 - 0
	Granted to Mark Collins - - -	2 - 2 - 11
	Granted to James Parker - -	0 - 19 - 6
	Granted to Thomas Stone - -	0 - 12 - 0
	Granted to James Bellows -	1 - 19 - 0
	Granted to John Prentice - -	0 - 18 - 0
	Granted to Hezekiah Hay - -	1 - 1 - 6
	Granted to Edmund Chamberlin - -	2 - 8 - 1
	Granted to the Wid. Sarah Brigham	10 - 17 - 6
	Granted to George Brigham -	1 - 12 - 0
	Granted to Abner Parker - —	1 - 8 - 0

art 9) Voted to Chuſe a Committee to Squadron out the School Money the Year Ensuing accordingly Chose Solomon Newton Ezra Taylor - and Zacheus Witherbee

art. (10) Voted to Let their Swine run at Large the Year Enſuing

Art (11) Tim P. — Voted to Let out Timothy Pierce & Timothy Bruce to the higheſt Bidder - then Voted to adjourn the Vendueing of the Paupers until 6 oClock then to meet at Mr. Jona. Pierces Inholder in Said Town

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March 1790 —

On Art. 12) The Town Brot in their Votes for a County Treasurer
and being Counted ware as followeth viz —
County Treasurer For Mr Samuel Allen 34 Votes — — —
For Mr Nathan Perry — 7 Votes — — — —

Art. (13) Voted to pass over this article for the Present — — — — —

art. (14) Voted to Lease out or Let to the highest Bider the Pew in
Pew Let to E. Chamberlin for 15/ the Meeting house for the Term of one Year — accordingly
it was Set up and bid of to Edmund Chamberlain at 15/

art. (15) Passed in the Negative — Then David Newton
David Newton Sealer of Wts and Measures was appointed Sealer of Weights and Measures
by the Selectmen for the time being and was sworn

art. (16) Voted to Lease out the Work House and Land belonging
to the Same to the highest Bidder accordingly it was
Work House Let out for £2.10.0 Set up and bid of to Jonas Ball for the Term of
one Year from the first day of April next — for the
Sum of two pounds ten Shillings — — — —

Then Voted to Adjourn the Meeting Until Monday a
Fortnet then to meet at this place attest

Jon.a Ward Moderator

on art. 11) The Vendue was Opend agreeable to the forgoing
Adjournment at the House of Jon.a Pierce Inholder
at 6 O'clock P.M. and Proceeded to act as followeth — —

Sale of the Paupers at Vendue First Set up Timothy Pierce and he was Struck of
to Trowbridge Taylor for the Term of one Year for
£2.12.0 the Sum of £2 - 12 - 0 Then Set up Timothy Bruce
and he was struck of to Jonas Ball for the Term
£6.8.0 of one Year for the Sum of £6 - 8 - 0 — — —
Then Set up Abraham Newton to the Lowest Bidder
Abraham N. Let out for 5/10 pr Week and he was Struck of to Ezekiel Collins and he is to keep
said Abraham one Year at ~~for~~ the Sum of 5/10 pr Week
Then Set up Andrew Newton & Wife to the Lowest Bidder
A. N. & Wife for 5/9 pr Week and they ware Struck of to William Winchester Jr. ~~at~~
for one Year for the Sum of 5/9 pr. Week —

Southborough March 15th 1790 – the Town Met agreeable
to Adjournment and proceeded to act as followeth viz – –
on art (13) the Report of Capt. Gates reſpecting the School Houſes
Capt. Gates's Report Rejected was read – and a Vote was put to see if the Town would accept
of said Report and it paſsed in the Negative – – – –
Then a Committee was Choſen a man out of Each Squadron
to see if they Could Adjuſt the Matters that Laboured Concer
ning said Houſes – and after much Debating the Town
£7-10 granted South Side Voted to allow and Grant to the South Side Squadron the
Sum of Seven pounds Ten Shillings in adition to what said
Squadron had recd. heretofore for the purpoſe of building
said Houſe the first Sum being Inſufficient – Then Voted
to allow and Grant to the Center Squadron the Sum of
£3·3·1·2 to the Center Three Pounds Three Shillings 1d 3q In adition to the origenal
Sum Drawn to Defrey the Expence of building their Sch=
ool Houſe

Then Voted to Diſsolve the Meeting Atteſt
Jonª. Ward Moderator —

officers all Sworn Except. N.B. all the officers heretofore Recorded ware Sworn to
the faithfull Diſcharge of their reſpective Truſts within
the time Limitted by Law – Except Ebenezer Brigham
and Jeremiah Newton – by Wm. Montague Town Cler–

alſo Recd. & Recorded by Wm. Montague Town

(15) Worceſter ſs. To William Anthank or Benjn.
Parker Conſtables for Southborough or Either
of them Greeting In the Name of the Common=
wealth of Maſsachuſetts, You are hereby Requir
–ed– forthwhith to Warn all the free holders and other
Inhabitants of Sd. Town Quallifide by Law to
Vote for Govenor Lt. Govenor & Senetors agree
able to the Constitution of this Commonwealth – to meet
at the Meeting Houſe in Sd. Town on Monday the
Fifth day of Apriel Next at one oth Clock P.M. – then
and there to act on the following Articles viz –

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At (1) For the Town to bring in their Votes for Govern or Leiut. Govenor & Senetors agreeable to the Conſtitution

(2) To Chuſe a Moderator for the Remaining buſineſs of the Meeting

(3) For the Town to Chuse Wardeens, provided the Law Reſpecting Chuſing them is not Repealed — —

(4) To see if the Town will Give the Committee for Supplying the Pulpit any Instructions Reſpecting the Same Or paſs any Vote ore Votes reſpecting the Same as the Town think beſt when met — — —

(5) To see what the Town will Do with Arby Arnſden as it apears he has no present means for his Support or paſs any Vote or Votes Reſpecting the Same as the Town think best when met

(6) For the Town to agree Upon and Grant a Sum of Money to Diſcharge Town Debts the Year Enſuing or act thereon as the Town think beſt when met

(7) To see if the Town will Sel their old Contenantal Money at any Price they can have for it or act there on as the Town think beſt when met —

Here of fail not and make Due Return of this Warrant with Your Doings thereon to Us on or before the time appointed for holding Said Meeting Given under our hands and Seal this at Southboro, this Twenty Second Day of March and in the Year of our Lord one Thouſend Seven Hundred and Ninty by order of the Selectmen

Uriel Montague T. Cler

Aprl 5th 1790 In Obedience to the within Warrant- I have Warned all the freeholders in Southboro. and other Inhabitants Quallifide to Vote in Town Meetings to aſsemble and meet at time and place as set forth in this Warrant by Poſting a Copy hereof at the Meeting Houſe in Said Southboro-

attest Benjamin Parker {Conſtable for Southboro}

Southboro, Apl. 5th 1790 —— The Town met agreeab, to the foregoing Warrant and proceeded to act as followeth (viz)

The Votes ware Cal.d for Govenor Lt. Govenor & Senetors — on Counting ware found to be as follows (viz) — — —

Art.(1) For Govenor. His Excellency Jno. Hancock Esqr. 39 Votes
For James Bodoin Esqr. - - - - - - - - - - 3 Votes

For Leiut. Govenor Saml. Adams Esqr. - - - - 36 Votes
For Nathaniel Gorahm Esqr. - - - - - - - - 2 Votes

1 Senetor For the 1st. Senetor Hon Moses Gill Esqr. - - - - 25 Votes

For the 2d. Senetor Abel Wilder Esqr. - - - - 11 Votes
For Timothy Pain Esqr. - - - - - - - - 10 Votes
2d For Seth Washburn Esqr. - - - - - - - 2 Votes
For John Fessendon Esqr. - - - - - - - 2 Votes

- - - - - - - - - - - - - 7 Votes
David Biglow - - - - - - - - - - - - - 8 Votes
3d Seth Washburn - - - - - - - - - - - 6 Votes
Abel Wilder - - - - - - - - - - - - - 2 Votes
John Fessendon - - - - - - - - - -

For the Hon Samuel Baker - - - - - - - - 9 Votes
4th David Biglow - - - - - - - - - - - - 7 Votes
Amos Singletary - - - - - - - - - - - 1 Vote

For Jonathan Ward Esqr. - - - - - - - - 8 Votes
Andrew Peters - - - - - - - - - - - - 8 Votes
5th The Hon. Artemas Ward Esqr. ——— 1 Vote

on Art. 2d Chose Mr. Elijah Brigham Moderator ———

on Art. 3d Voted to pass over this article finally

on Art 4th Voted to Excuse Mr. Mark Collins Junr. from Serving as a Committee man for Supplying the Pulpit - and then Chose Deacn. Edmund Chamberlain in his Room — —
Then Voted that the Committee be Instructed (not to hire any one to Supply the Pulpit in future — Unless he is a Candidate for Settling in the Minestry - - - - - -
Then Voted to Instruct the Committee to hire Mr. Benjn. — Stone to preach the Fast Day

on Art 5 The Town Voted that the Selectmen bind Out Arby Amsden until he is 21 Years of age, accordingly he was Bound to Nathl. Newton Junr. for said term. Mr. Ball keeps Indenture See Next p.

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On Art. 6th Voted to Grant and Raise the Sum of Forty Pounds to be Leveyd. & Aſseſsed on the Polls and Rateable Estates of the Inhabitants of Southboro- For the purpose of Defreying Town Charges the Year Enſuing — — — — — — —

an Art 7th Voted that the Select Men Sel the Old Continental Money if they Can Git one Dollar in Specie for 100 of (old) paper and not Short of that — — — —

Then Voted to Desolve the Meeting and it was Dellaird

~~Attest~~ Elijah Brigham Moderator —

Recd. and Recorded by Urd. Montague Town Cler—

Worcester Ss. To William Onthank Constable for Southborough Greeting — In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſs achuſetts — You are hereby required to Warn all the freeholders and Other Inhabitants of Said Town Quallifide to Votes for a Representative to meet at the Meeting Houſe in Said Town On Monday the Tenth Day of May Inſt. at 2 OClock P.M. then and there to Act on the following Articles (viz) —

May 1790

(1st) For the Town to bring in there Votes for a Representative to Repreſent them in the Genl. Court the Year Enſuing or Act there on as the Town think beſt when met — —

(2d) For the Town to Chuſe a Moderator for the Remaining buſineſs of the meeting

(3d) To see what further Directions the Town will Give the Select Men (or any Perſons they Shall Chuſe) Relitive to the Diſposing of the Old Contenental Money or act thereon as they think fit when met

Here of Fail Not and make Due Return of this Warrant with Your Doings there on On or before the time appointed to the for holding Said Meeting Given Under our hands and Seal at Southboro this third day of May and in the Year of our Lord one Thouſand Seven Hundred and Ninety —

By Order of the Select Men Urd. Montague Town Cler

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May Ad 1790 — -

Worcester ss- May 10th 1790 In Obedience to the within Warrant I have Warned the Inhabitants within mentioned to Assemble as within Directed, by Posting a Coppy there of Agreeable to a Vote of the Town of Southboro- Wm. Onthank Constable Southboro

Southboro May the 10th 1790 — The Town Met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant an Proceded to act as followeth viz — —

On Art 1st - Voted to pass Over this Article for the present

Art. 2d Chose Mr. Elijah Brigham Moderator for the Remaining business of the Meeting

Art. 3d Voted to pass over this Article finally —

Art. (4th) Voted to Send a Representative the Year Ensuing then Proceeded and Unanimouly Chose Mr. Elijah Brigham to Represent them in the General Court the Year ensuing then Voted to Dissolve the Meeting attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

And Recorded by Uriel Montague Town Clerk

Thos. Odells Complaint

Southboro Augt. 2d 1790 To the Select men of the Town of Southboro. Gentlemen - Whareas I am Providentially taken Sick with a Fever and Exercis'd with pain and Such Complaints, as my Phycisian tels me that I shall not be able to work if I git wel) this Some time - and being Destitute of Every mean of Subsistance (in my present Situation) Do here by Throw my self Upon the mercy and Care of the of you Gentlemen - praying that you would Devise meanes for my for my present Comfort and Support - Likewise I tender to you all my affects which are but Inconsiderable - and hope you in your Wisdom will take a Fartherly care of me in my Present Distressed situation - but should it please God in Providence that I should recover from my present Illness and should be able to pay the Expencies (that have or may arize on account of my Sickness) That I shall have Liberty to withdraw this my Complaint

Thomas Odell

attest Jedediah Parker

Sept 6th 1790

Worceſter Ss. To Wm Onthank or Benjamin Parker
Conſtables for Southboro, or Either of them Greeting
In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts You
are hereby Required to Warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants in Said
Town Quallifide to Vote In Town Meetings, to Meet at the
Meeting Houſe in Said Town on Monday the Sixth day of Septr
next at 2 O Clock Afternoon then & there to act on the following
Articles viz

(1st) To Chuſe a Moderator for Said Meeting

(2d) To see if the Town will Diſpose of or Sel their Old Contenental Money to aney One that may appear to buy
the Same or act there on as the Town think fit when met

(3) For the Town to hear the Report of their Agents who were
Chosen to carrey on the Law Suit betwixt the Town and
Samuel Cary Respecting Polly Britian and act there
on as the Town thinks Proper when met

(4th) For the Town to see what method they will take for the
further Support of Lydia Amsden or act thereon as they think
best when met

(5th) To see what method the Town will take to Repair the Pound
In said Town & Erect Stocks as the Law Directs or act there
on as the Town think proper when met

Here of fail Not and make due Return of this Warrant
with Your doings there on to us, on or before the time appointed
for holding Said Meeting Given Under our hands & Seal
at Southboro this Twenty fifth day of August Inſtant
and in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred
and Ninty by order of the Selectmen Wd. Montague Town Clerk

Worceſter Ss September 6th 1790 I have Executed the within
Warrant as Directed by Poſting a Copey Wm Onthank Conſtable
for Southborough

Recorded by Wd. Montague Town Clerk

Southboro. Septr. 6th 1790 the Town being met Agreeable to
the foregoing Warrant and Proceeded to act as followeth viz

On Art. (1st) Chose Mr. Elijah Brigham Moderator of the Meeting

Art. (2d) Voted to paſs over this article for the present

Art. (3) The agents For Said Town as mentioned in this article Reported
to Said Town and it was Accepted they Produced a Note
of hand from Said Cary and it was in ful Compensation
on a Settlement with Said Cary

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On Art. (4th) Voted to pass over this Article finally

on Art. (5th) Voted to Chuse Some person to Repair the Pound and make Stocks as the Law requires then Chose Daniel Johnson for that Purpose

on Art (2) Voted to sel the Old Contenental Money at Twenty six Shillings for one Thousend Dollars Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting Until the first Monday in October next at 2 OClock P.M. Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Southboro October 4th 1790 The Town Met agreeable to Adjournment and Proceeded to act as follows (viz

Art. (2d) Voted to Reconsider the Vote for Selling the old Contenental Money at 26/ a 1000 Dollars — then Voted to Submit the matter respecting the Same to Committee Chosen for the purpose — then Voted to Dissolve the Meeting Attest E Brigham Modr

Note Reconsidered

Worcester S.s. Sept. 16th 1790 To Wm Onthanks or Benjn Parker Constables for Said Town or Either of them Greeting You are Hereby Required in the Name of the Common wealth of Massachusetts forth with to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town Quallefide to Vote for in Town affairs to meet at the meeting house in Said Town on Monday the Twenty 7th day of September Inst. at 3 oClock P.M. — then & there to act on the following articles (viz

(1) to Chose a Moderator for Said Meeting

(2d) - To See if the Town will Sel their Old Contenental Money or act thereon as the Town think best when met

Here of fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your Doings there on to us on or before the time appointed for holding Said Meeting Given under our hands & Seal at Southboro this 16th day of Septr. and in the of our Lord 1790 by Order of the Selectmen Wm. Montague T. Clerk

Worcester Ss. Sept. 27th ad 1790 I have Executed the within Warrant as Directed by Posting a Copey

Wm. Onthank Constable for Southborough

Southboro September 27th 1790 The Town met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant and Proceeded to act as follows (viz —

On Art 1st Chose Mr. Elijah Brigham Moderator

on Art. (2) Mr. Ephraim Wheeler was present and offerd the Town five Dollars on the Thousend of old Emissn. Mo. and one Dollar for Fifteen Shillings ~~£~~ of N Emission Money — then the Vote was Tryd to See if they would take with the offer and it was a Tye

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On Art.t (2d) the Town then Voted that they Would take five Dollars and a half on the Thousend - then they Voted to Chuse a Committee to Negociate the Sale of the old Money - then Voted to Chuse a Committe of five accordingly Chose Mr Ezra Taylor Col. Thos. Nixon Elijah Brigham - Nathan Bridges - and Mark Collins Jnr for the above purpose who ware to report at the next Meeting then Voted to Dissolve the meeting Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator Recorded by Wm Montague Town Clerk

L.S.

Worcester Ss. To Wm Onthank or Benjn Parker Constables for Southborough or Either of them Greeting - In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are here by Required to Warn all the freeholders and Other Inhabitants of Said Town quallefide to Vote for a Federal Representative, agreeable to a precept Rec.d from the Genl. Court of this Commonwealth for that Purpose - to meett at the Publick Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the the fourth day of October next at one OClock P.M. then and there to Act on the followin articles viz

(1) For the Town to bring in their Votes for ~~a Federal~~ Some Person to Represent them in the Congress of the United States of America agreeable to a Precept for that purpose ——

Here of fail not and make Due Return of this Warrant with Your Doings there on to us on or before the time appointed for holding Said meeting Given under our hands and seal at Southborough this 16th day of September AD 1790 ——

By Order of the Selectmen Wm Montague T. Clerk

Southboro. October 4th 1790 - the Town met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant and proceeded to act as follows viz

On art 1st - the Votes ware Cal.d for Rec.d by the Selectmen & Counted and ware found as follows viz

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For the Hon. Jonathan Grout Esqr	21 Votes
D.o Levi Lincoln D.o —	6 Votes
D.o Artemas Ward D.o —	5 Votes
D.o Dwight Foster D.o —	2 Votes
Jno. Sprague D.o —	1 Vote

In be half of the Selectmen Elijah Brigham Chairman and president of the Selectmen

Recorded by Wm Montague Town Clerk ——

Worceſter ſs In Obedience to the within Warrant I have Notefide & warned all the freeholders & other Inhabitants in the Town of Southboro Quallefide by Law to Vote for a Federal Representative to aſsemble and meet at the time and place as Set forth in this Warrant by Poſting a Copy of the Same on the Meeting Houſe in Said Southboro ~~Southboro~~ Sept.r the 20th 1790 —

Rec.d & Recorded by Ur.i Montague T. Cler

Benjamin Parker Conſtable
for Southboro

1st Worceſter Ss. To Benjamin Parker Constable for Southboro — Greeting In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts you are hereby Required to Warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town Quallefid to Vote for a Federal Representative to meet at the Meeting Houſe in Said Town on Friday the Twenty Sixth day of November Inſtant at one O'Clock P.M. then & there to bring in their Votes for a Federal Repreſentative to Repreſent the Diſtrict of Worceſter in the Congreſs of the United States of america Agreeable to a Precept we have Rec.d from the Government of this Commonweath for that Purpose

(2d) To Chuſe a Moderator for the Remainin Buſineſs of the meeting

(3) To See if the Town will abate the Rates Set to Silas Ball in a Liſt of Aſseſment committed to Nath.n Bridges to Collect for the year AD 1786 or act theiron as they think beſt when met

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon to us on or before the time appointed for holding Said Meeting Given Under our hands & Seal at Southborough this Twentieth day of Nov.r Inſtant and in the Year of our Lord one Thouſand Seven Hundred and Ninty —

By Order of the Select Men Ur.i Montague Town Cler

Worceſter Ss. Southboro Nov.r 25th 1790 In obedience to the within Warrant I have warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants within the Town of Southboro Quallefide by Law to Vote in Town Meetings to meet at time and place as Set forth in this Warrant by Poſting a Copy thereof on the Meeting house in Said Southboro as the Law Directs —

Benj.n Parker Conſtable
for Southboro

Southboro Nov.r 26th 1790 — The Town Met agreeable to the Warrant and Proceeded to act as follows viz the Town brot. in their Votes for a Federal Repreſentative and on Counting were as follows (viz) For the Hon.le Jonathan Groat Eſq.r 17 Votes Artemas Ward Eſq.r 10 Votes Jn.o Sprague Eſq.r 1 Vote

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Octr. 11th 1790

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Monday the 11th Octr. 1790 the Committee Chosen by the Town to Diſpose of the Old Continental Money met Likewise and Reported to the Selectmen of their doings viz that they had Sold the Money to Ephraim Wheeler which amounted to the Sum of Seventy one Thousend five Hundred Twenty three Dollars and 2/3d he runing his own risque of Counterfit Bills and he the said Wheeler gave for the sum of paper money Including the New Emiſsion One Hundred Nine Pounds Eighteen Shillings and four pence In Specie which Sum the Treaſurer has Recd. and Stands Chargable with £109 " 18 " 4 accordingly the Treaſurer is Diſcharged from the old Continental Money being 9 lbs Weight

ld
Continental
Money
Sold

Recd. and Recorded by Uriel Montague Town Clerk

On Art. 2) Chose Mr. Elijah Brigham Moderator

Art. (3) on the Petition of Nathan Bridges Voted to Grant to him the Said Nathan Bridges the Sum of Two Pounds two pence being the Sum of the Taxes Set to Silas Ball as Setforth in the Petition and the Select men to Grant an order for the Same on the Town Treaſurer then Voted to Diſsolve the Meeting atteſt

las Balls
Taxes
abate

Elijah Brigham Mod.

Recd. and Recorded by Ul. Montague T. Clerk

Southborough November 27th 1790 to the Selectmen of Said Southboro Gentleman The Church of Christ in said Southboro Deſire you to Cause the Quallefide Voters in this Town to Come to Gether in Legal Town Meeting to see if they will Join with Said Church in Calling Mr. Samuel Sumner of Shrewsbury to Settle and be Ordained over Said Church and Inhabitants as a Goſpel Miniſter of Jeſus Chriſt alſo to Grant a Sum of Money for Settlement & Sallery for him if they Settle him in Said Southboro, or for Said Town to act thereon as they think Proper when met a True Copy atteſt

Church
Requeſt

Jona. Ward Clerk of Said Church

To Deacn. Fay to Deliver to the ~~[illegible]~~ Selectmen by Deſire of the Said Church

Recorded by Ul. Montague T. Clerk J.W.

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Worcester Ss. To Wm. Onthank or Benjamin Parker Constables for Southboro Greeting — In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts - You are hereby required to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants in Said Town Quallefide to Vote In Town Meetings to Meet at the Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the thirteenth day of December next at one OClock P.M. then & there to act on the following articles viz

(1) To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting

(2) To See if the Town will Join with the Church of Christ in this Town in their request to give Mr. Samuel Sumner a Call to settle with us in the Ministry in said Town - Also - to Grant a a Sum of Money for his Encouragement there unto or act thereon as the Town think best when met - — — — -

(3) To see if the Town will allow Town Debts to those Persons to whom they are justly Indebted or act thereon as they think fit

(4) To see if the Town will Grant the Wid. Deliverance Salter any fire Wood this Year or act there on as the Town think best when met

Here of fail Not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon unto us on or before the time appointed for holding said Meeting Given Under our hands and Seal at Southborough this Twenty Ninth day of Novr.. In the Year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and ninty. by Order of the selectmen

Urs. Montague Town Cler —

Worcester Ss. I have Executed the within Warrant as Directed by Posting a Copy William Onthank Constable
December 13th AD 1790

Southboro December 13th 1790. the Town met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant and proceeded to act as follows viz — — —

on artt
(1) Made Choise of Mr. Elijah Brigham Moderator for the meeting

(2d) Voted to pass over this article for the present

(3d) Granted to Nathan Bridges £0 - 13 - 8
Granted to Mark Collins Jnr and
Others Committee for Repairing
the Meeting House the Sum of £9 - 18 - 2d
Granted to Elijah Brigham ——— 0 - 10 - 11
Granted to Stephen Bellows ——— 0 - 6 - 0
the 2 last were allowd the 2d day -

(4th) Voted to Grant the Widow Deliverance Salter five Cords fire Wood Including what she has already had Then Voted
4/9 to Set up the Wood Granted to the Lowest bidder accordingly it was set up and Struck of to Majr. Champney at four Shillings and nine pence pr Cord
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On Art.(2) the Town Voted that they ware Ready to Join with the
Church In giving Mr. Saml. Sumner a Call to Settle in the Ministry
In this Town. Then Voted, to Chuse a Committee to Consist
of Seven persons, to Draughft a Call, and State Proposals
of Incouragement, for Mr. Sumner and &c - - - - - - - -
accordingly Chose Col. Jona. Ward - Mr. Elijah -
Brigham - Capt. Seth Newton - Jonas Ball Esqr. -
Col. Thos. Nixon - Decn. Hezekiah Fay - Ezra Taylor -
for their Committee, then Voted that the above Committee
Report at the adjournment of this Meeting
then Voted to adjourn this Meeting until Monday next 1 oClock
attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Southboro December 20th 1790 The Town Met according to
adjournment and Proceeded to act as follows viz
on Art.(2) the Committee Chosen to Draughft a Call as above set forth
and State proposals Came & Informd they ware ready to
Report - accordingly they Reported by reading the Call which they had
made to Mr. Sumner, and the Incouragement therein Stated
to him -
Then it was movd and Seconded to See if the Town will Accept
of the Report of their Committee - accordingly on the Motion
the house was Devided - and it was Voted in the afermative.
46 In favour and 13 against it - Then it was Movd & Seconded
to Chuse a Committee to present the Call to Mr. Sumner -
then Voted to Chuse 3 persons for a Committee accordingly
Chose Col. Ward Decn. Fay Decn. Chamberlain which by
Desire was Excused and Capt. Seth Newton Chosen in his room
Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting Until the first Monday in
~~January~~ February at one oClock P.M. at this place
attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Southboro Feby. 7th 1791
The Town being met according to adjournment proceeded
to act as follows viz
on (2) art. Voted to make an adition to the incouragement offered to
Mr. Samuel Sumner ~~to settle~~ in the Work of the Ministry
In this Town - Then Voted to Chuse a Committee of three persons
to Treat with Mr. Sumner then Chose Capt. Newton Nathan
Bridges Decn. Hezekiah Fay -
Then Voted to add the Sum of Twenty Pounds to the Settlement
offered to Mr. Saml. Sumner for his Incouragement
to Settle with us in the Ministry in Said Town of Southborough
Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting until Monday next
one OClock P.M. at this place attest Elijah Brigham Modr.

Southborough Feby 14th 1791 The Town met according to adjournment and Proceeded to act as follows viz

on Art (1) Voted, as the Moderator is absent to Chuse a new one Protempore accordingly Chose Capt. Seth Newton Moderator P. T. The Committee Chosen to Treat with Mr Sumner Reported that they had attended that Service and had Communicated to him the Vote of the Town offering him £20 more for his Encouragement to Settle with us in the Work of the Gospel Ministry Mr Sumner Requested to have 2 or 3 days to Consider on the Matter and then he would Send the Chairman his answer accordingly he did which you will See Recorded hereafter -

on Art (2) The Question was then put to See if the Town would Comply with Mr Sumners answer to the foregoing Committee - and it passed in the affermative by a Majority (one third part -) for 43 against 21 Then Voted to Chuse a Man to Communicate the Vote of the Town to Mr Sumner then Chose Majr Champney Then Voted to add 2 more to the Committee then Chose Capt Newton Mark Collins Then Voted to Adjourn this Meeting until March Meeting being on the first Monday in March at 9 oClock A.M. attest

Seth Newton Moderator P. T.

Recorded by Url Montague Town Clerk

Mr Sumners Answer to the Committee

Shrewsbury February 16th 1791

Worthey and honoured Sir Having considered the additional offer You and the other gentlemen communicated to me for my Encouragement to Settle and Support in the Work of the Ministry as You Have thus renewedly Expressed your affection, and your Unanimity is so great, I will accept your prosals - provided the Town will allow lawfull Interest upon the Same they have offered for a Settlement - from the time of ordianation until it is paid - Should any Change in Publick matters take place and the Circulating medium be Increased and its Value be diminished from what at present it is I hope and trust you will [illegible] be Disposed to make me such considerations as may be thought just and reasonable. Leaving this to the Events of Providence and your Generosity

With respect and Esteem I am your Sincere friend and humble Servant

Samuel Sumner

Mr Nathn Bridges

P. S. the reason why I request Interest upon the Sum offered for a Settlement is this, I shall Endeavour to make a Purchase and shift the security to the person of whom I Purchase

S. S.

Recd & Recorded by Url Montague T. Clerk

on the Petition and Complaint of Zacheriah Newton to the Selectmen for Support Decr 13th 1790. his Case was laid before the Town and they ordered the Said newton to be put up at Vendue to the lowest bidder accordingly he was cried and bid off by Wm Winchester Jr who was to have 3/10 pr Week for keeping him attest Url Montague Town Clerk

Dec.r 1790

Mr. Sumners Call

To Mr. Sam.l Sumner of Shrewsbury in the County of Worceſter & Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts A Candidate for a Goſpel Miniſter of Jeſus Chriſt — Sir the Inhabitants of the Town of Southboro. in S.d County Who are duly Quallifide to Vote In Town Meetings being Legally Aſsembled In Town Meeting this 20th day of December A.D. 1790. and Said Inhabitants Including the Church and Others acting in Joint Union. and Conſidering that they have been deſtitute of a Settled Miniſter of ~~of~~ the Goſpel for many Years and that it is of Great Importance to have one Settled in Said Town, and being Senſible that to remain without one tends much to the decay of Godlineſs and to the Increase of Impiety and Immorallity and being Deſireous of promoting their Spiritual as wel as Temporal Good and having had Your Self preaching with us for Some time and hoping you will, (the Grace of God Enabling You) answer the great and Valuable purposes of a Gospel Minister of Jeſus Chriſt – we have therefore Tho.t proper to Elect and make Choise of; and do accordingly hereby in a most Serious and humble mannar, and as we hope and Sincearly truſt, under the kind Direction ~~of~~ and Bleſsing of heaven [illegible], make Choise of, and Elect Invite, and Call. You the Said Samuel Sumner to Settle and be Ordaind over Us in Said Town in the Sacred Work and Labour of a Gospel Minister of Jeſus Chriſt – and in Holy boldneſs and Godly candor to take the Charge over us in the Lord, not Lording over Gods heritage but Diſcharging the various Duties appertaining to the office of a Goſpel Minister of Christ according to the rules laid down in the Word of god as Contained in the Scriptures of the old and New Teſtements teaching and Instructing, Exhorting and perſwading, and Adviſing and admoniſhing, reproving and rebuking – in publick & in private being Instant in Seaſon and out of Seaſon as occation may require according to the word of god Studdying to Shew thy Self aproved to God a Workman that needith not to be aſham.d rightly dividing the word of truth and Adminiſtring the Seals of the Covenant namely Baptiſm and the Lords Supper to the proper Subjects of the Same and provided You the Said Samuel Sumner Shall accept of Said Call and be Ordained in Said

Town of Southboro. as a Miniſter afore said it is agreed & Granted
and Voted by Said Inhabitants in Legal Town Meeting that
there Shall be Levey.d and aſseſsed on the Pools and rateable
Estate in Said Southboro. and paid to you the following Sums
of Money in Silver at Six Shillings and Eight pence the ounce
or Other Lawfull Money of Said Commonwealth equivelent to
the Same and alſo Wood Delivered you as follows for your your
pay and reward for your Servicees in the Work and Labour ~~of~~
in the Ministry - Namely for a Settlement the Sum of one
Hundred and forty pounds lawfull Money as aforesaid, the
one half part of the Same being Seventy pounds, to be paid
you at the Experation or End of one Year from and after your
being Ordained in Said Southboro - and the Other half part
of Said Settlement being Seventy pounds at the End or Expiration of two Years from and after your being Ordaind as afore
Said Provided you remain our Minister the two Years - but
if you are removed by Death or any ~~other wise~~ way before the
two Years is Expireed after you are Ordaind. as aforsaid in
that caſe the Last half is not to be paid at all
and also that there Shall be paid and Deliverd. you annually
and at the End of Every Year after your being Ordaind as aforsaid
So long as you remain our Minister, the Sum of Seventy ~~p~~
Pounds alike lawfull money as afore said - and Twenty
Cords of Good Merchentable fire wood Cut four feet in length
and Delivered at your Dwelling Houſe in Said Southborough
all of which payments aforementioned are to be without
Intreſt atteſt

Jonathan Ward Chairman
and by order of the Committe
of Said town for Draw in said
Call

Recd. Decr. 20th and Recorded Decr. 21st 1790 by
Wr. Montague Town Clerk

Mr Sumner 1st answer

Southboro. January 23d 1791

To the Church and Congregation of Southborough. ~~Having~~ [illegible]
having Taken Into Serious consideration and candidly your
Invitation & Encouragements to Settle with you in the Work of the
Gospel ministry - I view my self in Duty bound to give you an answer
In the Negative - and thus declare, that I do not see [illegible] be
Upon me to Accept your offers. the reason [illegible] offer for this answer
to you is this, I desire and Intend when Ever I Settle with any Church & People
In the great work of the Ministre of Jesus Christ to Devote my self [illegible]
faithfully (by Divine Assistance) perform the duties of my [illegible]
[illegible] really incumbering my self with worldly matters, that your
offers are Insufficient to Enable me to live in Character ~~[illegible]~~
and So devote my time to Study as is Necessary for me who means
to be faithfull in his Engagements - it is not [illegible] Expectation to be [illegible]
[illegible] dependant or [illegible] in the work of the Ministry [illegible]
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But take it for an Indiſputable truth – that I ought to look
for a comfortable ~~liv~~ and honourable living – I aſk your
Prayers for me and with grace mercy & Peace may
multiplied unto You – that you may rely upon Gods
Providence and Ever Trust in your own in his wiſdom – and remember
that God regards the prayers of the deſtitute – I am ~~with~~
your Sincere friend and Souls wel wiſher Samuel Sumner

Rec.d and Recorded by Ur.l Montague Town Clerk

Settlement with the Treaſurer

Southboro. March 1st 1791 the Treaſurer Collinis ~~[illegible]~~
Charg.d with 2 Orders on State Tax No. 8 one of Seven Pound
another of Five Pounds ~~ten Shillings~~ and four pence – alſo
with a Note againſt Jos. Witherbee of ten pounds one againſt
Sam.l & Joſiah Carry of Fourteen pounds one againſt Ebenezer
Bellows of one pound fifteen Shillings and four pence
the rent of the buring yard ~~let to~~ Wm. Winchester Jr. six shillings
and Seven pence alſo the abatemant of a fine for not Sending a Representative the Sum of Thirty Pounds

At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 3d a.d. 1791 –
In order to Examin the acounts of the Treaſurer and
Settle with him – and on Examining his accounts we find
£601.2.3 that he has been chargeable with the Sum of Six Hundred one
Pound two Shillings and Three Farthings and he has produced
Vouchers Shewing that he has paid out Two Hundred fifty
Eight Pounds nine shillings Eight pence three Farthings and
£258.9.8¾ there stil remains in the Treaſurers hands the Sum of Three
Hundred Forty three Pounds four Shillings one pence Inclu=
£343.4.1 ding what is in the Conſtables hands

Ur.l Montague
Nathan Bridges
Jonas Ball
Selectmen for Southboro.

Recorded by Ur.l Montague Town Clerk

March 1791

Southboro. March 7th 1791 The Town Meet according to adjournment
on the Warrant Granted Decr. 1790 - and Continued by adjournments
to this time - and proceded to act as followith viz

on Art. Voted to adjourn this Meeting until 3 oClock P.M. this afternoon at this
(2) place
attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

March 7th 3 oClock P.M. the Town met according to adjournment
and Proceeded to act as follows viz -

Voted that each and every proceeding of the Town as here after men-
tioned, be ratefide confirmd and forever Establishd according to their
true Intent and meaning (viz) that whare as the Town did In Town
Meeting legally assembled on the thirteenth day of December 1790.
Vote that they ware redey to Join with the Church in giving Mr. Samuel
Sumner a Call to Settle with us in the Town of Southboro. as a Gospel Min=
=ister - accordingly a committee was chosen to draw a call which being
presented to the Town for their consideration at the adjournment of the mee
-ting on the 20th day of Decr. 1790 - which being read was accepted by the
Town and Ordered to be presented to Mr. Sumner to wich call Mr. Sumner
see cause to y Negative - accordingly on the 7th day of Feby. a d 1791. to
which time the meeting stood adjourned - Voted to make an aditional
Grant of twenty pounds to the Settlement all ready Offerd. Mr. Sumner
then Voted to chuse a Committee to treat with Mr. Sumner and Inform
him of the aditional offer - accordingly - he sent his acceptance provided
said Settlement was put upon Lawfull Interest after Ordaination until paid
accordingly on the 14th day of February a d. 1791 - to which time the meeting
stood adjournd -- the Town Voted - that they would comply with Mr. Sumners
request as it respects the Settlements being put on Interest —— then Voted
to chuse a Committee to Inform Mr. Summer of the Vote of the Town - - —
accordingly they ware Chosen &c —

NOW as doubts have arisen in the minds of some Whither we can
proceed to Ordain and Settle Mr. Sumner on the foregoing Votes and
Proceedings of the Town - because he Negativd our Call - ~~&~~ we do Vote
that all and every proceeding as respects the calling Mr. Saml. Summ
=er - and the Encouragement offered him to Settle with us in the Ministry
in Southborough and as now recorded on the Town Records - Shall
ever here after be demed legal and Valued to Every Intent and
purpose whatever
this Vote passed in the affirmative for 50 against 19 - attest
Elijah Brigham Moderator

and Recorded by Uriel Montague Town Clerk

also on the above article Voted - to chuse a committee to Inform
Mr. Summer of the proceeding of the Town and also - to request
him to return and Preach with us again as soon as may be
accordingly Chose Mr. Solomon Newton for the above purpose
then Voted to adjourn this meeting til the 21st day of this Month
3 oClock P.M. at this place attest Elijah Brigham Moderator
March 21st 1791 the Town met according to adjournment and proce
=eded to act as fallows (viz) Mr. Solomon Newton Agent for the Town
Informd that he had attended said service and had waited on Mr. Sum=
ner and that Mr. Sumner concluded to return to us again with a View
to Settle with us then their was a motion to See if the Town will do any thing
further about Settling Mr. Saml. Sumner the house was Devided yeas 58
Nays 15 then Voted to adjourn this Meeting until the 1st. Monday in

turn over

Continuation of Decr. Warrant

Monday in Apl. at one oClock P.M. at this place atteſt
Elijah Brigham Mod—

Southboro. Apl. 4th 1791 the Town met agreeable to adjournment and
proceeded to act as follows (viz) Voted to Chuſe a Committee of 3
to wait on Mr. Sumner and deſire him to attend the Meeting
then choſe Col. Nixon Capt. Newton and Decn. H. Fay a Comm- -
-accordingly Mr. Sumner attended the meeting the Town then Voted
they ware ready to join with the Church and with Mr. Sumner in
agreeing upon and appointing the day for ordaination and the
Council and the houſe being devided In order that Mr. Sumner might
-see the Union for proceeding 64 Nays 12 Mr. Sumner addreſsed the
Town very feelingly on the Subject lemented the oppoſiſsion but
publickly declaird that he would (if the Town should think best) any
time befor the Ordaination day go from us as Chearfully as he came
N.B. Mr. Sumner gave his anſwer in the affermative which you may see
in page 243 then Voted that the firſt day of June next be and it was agreed
upon to be the day for ordaination - Then Voted to Send to the following
Churches to aſsiſt in the Solemnities of the same viz — — —
To the Chh in Strbridge To the Church in Shrewesbury
To the Chh in Eaſt Sudbury To the Chh in Marlborough
To the Chh in Northborg To the Chh. Framingham.
To the in Weſtborough - To the Chh in Sudbury
To the Chh in Hopkinston - Then Voted to leave the matter Intirely
with the Church and Deſired them to Send Letters miſsive to the
to the above Churches Then Voted to Chuſe 5 to to provide a place
for the Council to Convean at then Choſe George Brigham Nathn. Bridges
Deacn. Fay Iſaac Johnſon & Capt Seth Newton for a Committee — —
then Voted to adjourn this meeting until the firſt monday in May
10 Clock A.M. at this place atteſt Elijah Brigham Moderator — ——
Southborough May 2d. 1791 the Town met according to adjournment
and Proceeded to act as follows viz Voted to hold the Ordaination
out of Doors as the Meeting Houſe is thot unſafe - then Voted to Chuſe a
Committee of 9 to provide a Convenient place for the Council then Choſe
Elijah Brigham Nathn. Bridges John Johnſon Col Nixon Ezra Taylor
Majr. Champney Eſqr. Ball Daniel Johnſon Hezekiah Fay Junr—
Leml. Chamberlain Jona. Peirce Abel Chamberlain John Prentis
then Voted to keep the Meeting Houſe Shut on the ordaination day
then Voted to adjourn the meeting til 2d. Monday in June next - 2 oClock
P.M at this place atteſt Elijah Brigham Moderator — —

Recorded by Wml. Montague T. Cler.

March 1791

Worceſter ss. To William Onthank or Benjamin Parker Constables for Southborough or Either of them Greeting in the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts you are here by Required to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Quallefide to Vote in Town Meetings to meet at the Meeting Houſe In said Town on Monday the Seventh day of March next at ten O'Clock A.M. then and there to act on the following articles viz

(1) To Chuse a Moderator to Govern said Meeting - - -

(2) For the Town to Chuse Town Town officers for the Year Inſuing as the Law Directs - - -

(3) To Chuse some perſon or perſons to Inſpect the killing of Deer Contrary to Law - -

(4) To Chuſe Grave Diggers - Pound keeper - and som perſon to swepe - Lock and Unlock the Meeting Houſe the Year Inſuing

(5) For the Town to agree upon and Grant a Sum of Money to repair High Ways the Year Inſuing also to State the price of Labour done on the Same the Year Inſuing - - -

(6) To Chuſe a Committee to hire Schoolmasters the Year Ensuing or act there on as the Town think beſt when met - -

(7) For the Town to Agree Upon and Grant a Sum of money to pay School Maſters and other Town debts the Year Inſuing - -

(8) For the Town to Conſider of and allow all Town debts to those Perſons to whom they are Juſtly Indebted - - -

(9) For the Town to Chuse a Committee to Squadrorn out the Schools Money the Year Insuing or act there on as the Town think beſt when met

(10) For the Town to Determin whither their Swine Shall run at large the Year Enſuing

(11) To see what Method the Town will take for the Support of of their Poor the Year Enſuing or paſs any Vote or Votes respecting the Same as they think beſt when met

(12) For the Town to bring in their Votes for a Regester of Deeds for the County of Worcester likewiſe for the Town to bring In their Votes for a County Treaſurer for Said County - -

(13) For the Town to Lease out the work Houſe and Land belonging to the Same and the Pew in the Meeting Houſe in Said Town to the higheſt Bidder for the Year Inſuing or act there on as the Town think beſt when met -

(14) To See if the Town will Grant a Sum of Money Sufficient to procure fire Wood for the Several Schools in Said Town the Year Inſuing - - or act there on as the Town think beſt

(15) To See if the Town will make Joseph Witherbee any allowance or Conſideration for keeping Lydia Amſden when Shewas a Minor or act there on as the Town think beſt when met - - -

(16) To See if the Town will agree Upon and Grant a Sum of Money Sufficient to procure a Stand of Coulars a Drum and fife Suitable for the Militia Company in this Town or act there on as the Town think beſt when met

(17), To see if the Town will do aney thing further reſpecting the Settling Mr. Samuel Sumner In the Work of the Goſpel Miniſtry in Said Town - as he has already agreed to Settle on the offers med him by the Town - or to act their on as it reſpects the Settling a Miniſter or as it reſpects the Committee for hireing Preaching - as the Town think beſt when met

(18), To see if the Town will Provide a New Burying Cloth For the Use of the Town or act there on as the Town think beſt when met -

Here of fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your there on to us on or before the Time appointed for holding Said Meeting - Given under our hands and Seal at Southboro. this Twenty first day of Feb.y and in the Year of our Lord one thouſand Seven Hundred & ninty one - by Order of the Selectmen Ur.ˡ Montague Town Clerk -

Worceſter Ss. In Obedience to the within Warrant I have warned all the Quallefide Voters within the Town of Southboro. to Meet at time and place as set forth in this Warrant by Posting a Copy hereof on the Meetinghouſe In Said Town

Benj.ⁿ Parker } Conſtable for Southboro

Southboro. March 7th 1791

Recorded by Ur.ˡ Montague Town Clerk -

Southborough March 7th 1791 The Town Meet according to the foregoing Warrant and Proceded act as followeth viz -

on wt.(1) Chose Mr. Elijah Brigham Moderator for S.ᵈ Meeting

on wt.(2) Voted to Chuſe a Clerk by hand Vote then Chose Uriel Montague Town Clerk

(1) Mr. Elijah Brigham
(2) Mr. Nathan Bridges
(3) Mr. Mark Collins Jr.
(4) Doct. Wm. Montague
(5) Jonas Ball Esqr. -- Chosen Select Men for the year Ensuing

Mark Collins Jnr. Chosen Town Treasurer the year Ensuing

Phinehas Bemis Chosen Constable for the East End and
Jedediah Parker for the West End of the Town the year ensuing
then Voted to Excuse Jedediah Parker from Serving Constable and
accepted John Richards in his sted - he the Said Parker being accou=
ntable to the Town for all the Taxes committed to said Richards to
Collect (at Least) all that are Levey'd on the West part of said Town
Voted to Excuse Phinehas Bemis from Serving Constable and accepted John Richards
in his sted he the Said Bemis to be accountable to the Town for all the Collections the
said Richards may have Committed to him to Collect for the East End of said Town

Nathan Newton Jnr. East End
William Onthank Jr. South Side
Solomon Este Center Squadron
Saml. Hudson Jnr. West End — Surveyors of High Ways for 91

William Winchester Jnr. Chosen Sealer of Leather for 1791 — —
Nathan Bridges Chosen Surveyor of Lumber — for Do. — —

Nathan Brigham and
William Brigham — Tythingmen for the year Ensuing

Assessors — Mark Collins jnr. Solomon Newton Ezra Taylor — —
ware Chosen Assessors for the year Ensuing — — —

Overseers — Ashel Mathews Ezekiel Collins & Mark Collins Senr. —
ware Chosen overseers of the Poor for the year Ensuing

~~Fieldrivers~~ — Joseph Onthank Jonas Ball jr. ware chosen field drivers — — —

Fence Viewers — Abel Chamberlain Zachius Witherbee & Jon.a Peirce

Hog Reaves — Lt. John Johnson Robert Horn Alpheus Nichols
Daniel Walker ware Chosen hogreaves for the year 1791

Particular Deer reaf — Daniel Johnson chosen Deer reaf for the year Ensun

on art. 4th — Chose Thomas Stone to Lock unlock & Sweep the Meeting
House the year Ensuing see next page

Grave Diggers } Stephen Bellows & Ebenezer Bellows Gravediggers

Pound Keeper } Mr George Brigham Chosen Pound Keeper —

On Art. 6th Committee to hire Schoolmasters } Ezra Taylor Phinehas Bemis Abner Parker and Majr. Champney Chosen to hire Schoolmasters

On Art 5th Voted to Grant and raiſe the Sum of Fifty Pounds to repair Highways the Year Inſuing to be Leviyd and aſseſsd on the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of Said Town. the price of Labour be 3/ pr. day from the 1st of May to the 1st of September then 2/ all other Seaſons of the Year

In Art. 7th Voted to grant and raise the sum of Forty Pounds to pay Schoolmasters the Year Ensuing — then Voted to Grant and raiſe the Sum of Eighty pounds to pay Town Debts the year Inſuing —

On Art. 8th

Granted to Ezra Taylor ~~the~~ Sum of	£ 1 - 10 - 0
Granted to Solomon Newton	1 - 5 - 0
Granted to Mark Collins Jr.	1 - 3 - 0
Granted to Mark Collins Jr.	1 - 10 - 0
Granted to Wm. Winchester Jr.	0 - 10 - 9
Granted to Ezra Taylor	2 - 9 - 0
Granted to Thomas Stone	0 - 12 - 0
Granted to Mark Collins Jr.	0 - 13 - 0
Granted to Jonas Ball Esqr.	6 - 10 - 8 - 2
Granted to Jona. Champney	0 - 10 - 0
Granted to Wido. Sarah Brigham	13 - 16 - 9
Granted to James Williams	0 - 5 - 4
Granted to James Haws Esqr.	0 - 15 - 1

On Art 9th Voted to have a School kept Thirteen weeks in each Squadron of Said Town the Year Inſuing — and the money raiſd to pay Schoolmasters to be Eaqually devided and Each Squad have one Quarter part of Said money — — — — — —

On Art. 10th The Town Voted to let their Swine run at Large the Year Inſuing

On Art. 11th Voted to set up the paupers of Sd. Town to the loweſt bidders then Voted to Set up Andrew Newton & Wife to the Loweſt bidder accordingly they ware Set up and bid of to Ezekiel Collins for one Year at Seven Shillings pr. weeke —

Then Voted to paſs over this article for the preſent –
On Art! 12th – the Town brot in their Votes for a County Regester which
ware as follows viz for Col. Daniel Clapp 27 Votes –
for Col. Saml. Flagg – — — – 2 Votes –
the Town brot in their Votes for a County Treaſurer
which ware for Saml. Allen – – – – 25 Votes
then Voted to Adjourn this Meeting until wednsday next
at one OClock P.M. at this place attest Elijah Brigham Mod:
Southboro March 9th 1791 the Town met according to adj
ournment and proceded to act as follows viz – –

On Art. 2d. Voted to Excuse Hezekiah Parker from Serving Constable
and accept John Richards in his room he the Said
Parker being accountable to the Town for the Several Collec
tions he may have committed to him to collect for the W
est part of sd Town accordingly Richards was Sworn
Voted to Excuse Jona. Peirce from Serving fence viewer
Jona. Peirce Excused – – and Chose Zach Witherbee in his Sted – – – –
then Voted to Excuse Trowbridge Taylor from serving field
Driver and Chose Joseph Onthank in his sted & he was sworn
then Voted to adjourn this meeting til the 21st. Inst. – then Voted
to reconſider the foregoing Vote and then Voted to adjourn
this meeting to Jona. Pierces Inholder for the purpose of setling the
paupers &c at half past five oClock P.M. – attest E. Brigham Mod.
On Art. 13th – {Voted to Lease out the work Houſe in Said Town to the higheſt
bidder N.B. this Vote was paſsed after the Town met on the adjourn
ment which is Southboro March 9th 1791 then met according
to adjournment and proceded to paſs the above & following
Votes – the work Houſe was set up to the higheſt bidder and
Struck of to Capt Nathl. Brigham at two pounds Eleven Shilli
-ngs and Six pence for one year – then proceeded to setup
the pew in the Meeting houſe and it was Struck of to
Jeremiah Newton for one year at one Pound then Voted
to set up the burying Place to the higheſt bidder then Voted
to reconſider the above Vote then Voted to chuſe a man
to take care of the Burying place the year Enſuing then Choſe
Ebenezer Bellows – –
Voted to Grant Sixteen Cords of Wood to Supply the Several
On Art. 14th – Schools in Said Town the year Enſuing – then Voted to set
up Said Wood to the Loweſt bidder viz 4 Coards to Each Squad
then set up 4 Coards for the Center and it was Struck of to Mr.
George Brigham at 5/7 pr. Cord then the East Ends wood was
set up and bid of to Joſiah Tozer at 5/7 pr. Coard then set
up the South Squadrns wood and it was Struck of to Abel
Chamberlain at 4/4 pr. Coard the West Ends Wood was
Set up and Struck of to Mark Collins Junr. at 4/9 pr Coard
then Voted to chuſe some one perſon in Each Squadron ~~which~~ &
to Inſpect & meaſure the wood brot to Each School Houſe
and report next march

Then chose Abner parker to Inspect the Wood for the Center
Then chose Nathan Newton Jr. to Inspect the wood for the E. End - - -
Then chose Elijah Brigham to Inspect the wood for the West End - - -
Then chose Zacheus Witherbee to Inspect the wood for the South End.
On Art. 11th Voted to Set up the Other paupers of Said Town then Set up
Timothy Peirce and he was struck of to Uriel Montague at
Five pounds two Shilling & Sixpence for one Year - - -
Then Voted to Set up Timothy Bruce and he was Struck of
to Jonas Ball at Six pounds Sixteen Shillings one Year —
Zach Newton sold then Voted to let Lydia Simpson stay Majr. Champneys until
the adjournment of the meeting then Voted to Set Zecheriah
Newton to the Lowest bidder on the following Conditions viz the
lowest bidder to be the purchaser, whoever bids him off are to Clear
the Town from all expence of Said Newton Excepting his Cloathing
Doctering & Nurseing - and he was setup and struck of to Mr.
Peter Brewer at 3s. pr weeks for one Year, attest Jonas Ball Vendew master
Then Voted to adjourn this meeting til the 21 day of March Instant
one oClock P.M. at the Meeting House in Sd Town attest Elijah Brigham Mor.

Southborough March 21st 1791 the Town met according to adjournment
and proceeded to act as follows viz the Selectmen appointed David
Newton Sealer of Weights and measures and was Sworn — —
On 2d Art. Voted to Excuse Phinehas Bemis from serving Constable and
accept John Richards in his sted and he the Sd Bemis to be answer
able to the Town for all the collections that may be put to him to collect
for the East part of said Town
On Art 15th The petition of Joseph Witherbee had three several readings and
passed in the Negative and he obtaind leave to with draw it — —
On Art. 16th Voted to Provide a stand of Coulars as Setforth in the article and
Voted to Chuse a Committee to provide the same then Chose Uriel
Montague & Mark Collins Jnr. for the Committee — — —
On art 17th Voted to pass over this article for the present - — — — —
On Art 18th. Voted to procure a buying Cloth for the Use of the Town then Chose
Mark Collins Jnr. to Provide the Same - — —
then Voted to adjourn this Meeting until the first monday in
Apl next at 4 oClock P.M. at this place attest Elijah Brigham Mr.

Southboro Apl. 4th 1791 the Town met according to adjournment
and proceeded to act as follows viz
On 2d art Voted to Chuse 5 Constables to keep the Peace on the day of
Ordination then Chose Charles Angier Nathl. Bridges Jnr.
Jonas Ball Jnr. Josiah Fozer Thomas Williams for the above
purpose Voted to Chuse 2 ~~[illegible]~~ Wardenes for the Year Insuing
then Chose Amos Newton Jnr. and Edmund Chamberlain
then Voted to adjourn this meeting until may meeting
attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

March Meeting

Southborough May 2d. 1791 the Town met according to adjournment and proceeded to act as follows viz Voted to adjourn this meeting until march next 4 O Clock P.M. of the first monday of said March A.D. 1792 atteſt Elijah Brigham Moderator —

Recd. and Recorded by Wr. Montague Town Clerk —

(21) Worceſter ſs To John Richards Conſtable for Southborough Greeting
In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts you are hereby required to notefy and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town Qualified by Law to Vote for Govenor Lt. Govenor and Senetors to meet at the meeting Houſe in said Town on Monday the fourth day of April next at 12 o Clock at noon and then and there to bring in their Votes for Governor Lt. Governor and Senetors agreeable to the Conſtitution of said Commonwealth — Hereof fail not and make Due return of this warrant with your doings there on to us on or before the time appointed for holding said Meeting - Given under our hands and Seal at Southborough this 21st. day of march and in the year of our Lord one thouſand Seven Hundred and ninty one by Order of the Selectmen Wr. Montague Town Clerk

Worceſter ſs In obedience to the within warrant I have fulley Executed the same by Poſting a Copy thereof according to a Vote of the Town
John Richards Conſtable for Southbo

Recorded by Wr. Montague Town Clerk —

Southborough April 4th 1791 the Town met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant and brot in their Votes which ware as follows (viz)

For Govenor	His Excellency John Hancock Eſqr.	41 Votes
	Hon. Wm. Cuſhing Eſqr — — — —	2 Votes
Lieut. Govenor	His Honr. Samuel Adams Eſqr — —	33 Votes
(1) Senetor	Hon. Moſes Gill Eſqr. — — — — — — —	22 Votes
	Dr. Amos Singletary Eſqr — — —	3 Votes
	Dr. Abel Wilder Eſqr — — — — — —	1 Vote
(2) Senetor	Hon Saml Baker Eſqr — — — —	28 Votes
	Amos Singletary Eſqr — — —	1 Vote
(3) Senetor	Hon. Timothy Pain Eſqr — — — — — —	21 Votes
	Dr. Jona. Grout — Eſqr — — — — — — —	12 Votes
(4) Senetor	Hon Abel Wilder Eſqr — — — — — —	31 Votes
(5) Senetor	Martin Kinsley Eſqr — — — — —	20 Votes
	Mr. Elijah Brigham Merch Weſtboro	20 Votes

Recd. & Recorded by Wr. Montague Town Clerk —

[illegible]

Southboro May 2d. 1791 the Town met according to Adjournment on March Warrant - and Proceeded to Act as follows viz Voted to Adjourn this Meeting Until the Next March Meeting viz in the Year 1792 at 4 oClock P.M - attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Worcester ss To John Richards Constable for Southboro. Greeting - In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby Required to Warn all the freeholders and Other Inhabitants of Said Town Quallefide to Vote for a Representative to Meet at the Meeting House in Said Town on Monday the Second Day of May next at 2 oClock P.M. then and there bring in their Votes (if they see cause) for some person to Represent them In General Court the Present Year Here of fail Not and make due return of this Warrant with Your doings thereon to us on or before the time appointed for holding Said Meeting Given Under our hands and Seal at Southboro. this 18th day of Apl. and In the Year of our Lord 1791

Elijah Brigham
Nathan Bridges
Marks Collins Jnr.
Uriel Montague
Jonas Ball
Select men of Southboro

Worcester ss. In Obedience to the within Warrant I have fully Executed the ~~same~~ within warrant by Posting a Coppy of the Warrant according to a Vote of the Town.

John Richards Constable of Southboro

Southboro May 2d 1791 the Town met Agreeable to a Warrant aforegoing, and Proceeded to act as follows viz Voted that they would not Send a Representative this Year as they must Settle a Minister and &c -
attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

and Recorded by Url. Montague Town Clerk

Decr. Warrant Ended

Southborough June 13th 1791 The Town Met according to adjournment and on December Warrant for Ministerial affairs and proceeded to act as follows (viz) 1st Chose Nathan Bridges Moderator P.T. and Jonas Ball Clerk P.T. as neither the Moderator or Clerk was there

N Art 3. allowed to George Brigham for Entertaining the Council four Pounds thirteen shillings - - - - - - - £4: 13: 0

allowed to Abner Parker for Entertaining Candidates - - 3: 0: 0

Then Daniel Johnson requested that the Town would accept of and allow him pay for making a gate to the Pound accordingly it was viewed and thot. to be Insufficient and would not accept it nor make him any Remuneration for the same

Pound Gate objected to

Then Voted to Dissolve this Meeting Attest Nathan Bridges Mod. Pro T.
Recd. & Recorded by Uriel Montague Town Clerk —

Worcester ss To John Richards Constable for Southborough Greeting — In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby Required to Notify and warn all the freeholders and Other Inhabitants of said Town Qualified by Law to Vote in Town Meetings to meet at the Meeting House in sd. Town on Monday the Seventh day of November Next at one of the Clock in the afternoon Then & there, to Act on the following Articles (viz) —

(1) To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting — — —

(2) For the Town to Agree upon and Grant a Sum of Money Sufficient to pay one half of the Settlement and one years Sallery which will become due to the Revd. Samuel Sumner On the first day of June next or Act thereon as the Town think Best when Met — —

(3) To see if the Town will Grant the Wido. Deliverance Walker any fire Wood this Year or act thereon as the Town think best when Met —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us on or before the time appointed for holding sd. Meeting given Under our hands and seal at Southboro. this Twenty fourth day of October in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety ~~two~~ one —
By Order of the Selectmen Uriel Montague Town Clerk

Worcester ss — I have fully Executed the within Warrant by posting a Copy of the same agreeable to a Vote of the Town
Southboro Novr. 7th 1791 John Richards Constable
of Southboro

Southboro, Novr. 7th 1791 The Town met agreable to the foregoing Warrant and proceeded to act as follows viz

On Art (1) Chose Mr. Elijah Brigham Moderator

(2) Voted to Chuse a Committee to wait on Mr. Sumner and desire him to attend the Meeting and Inform the Town with regard to his fire Wood &c then Chose Nathn. Bridges Heman Fay for there Committee accordingly Mr. Sumner came with the Committee and Proposed to the Town that if they would pay him one half of his salery in the Month of January next, and the other half when it became due he (Mr. Sumner) would Relinquish all claim or pretence to any Fire Wood for the year 1791 accordingly it was put, to see if the Town will accept of Mr. Sumners proposal they Voted that they Would by a majority and that they would pay him £35 by the time set

(3) Voted to Grant the Wido. Deliverance Salter six cords of Fire Wood this year to be cut and corded four feet in length and Delivered at her House as soon as may be - then it was set up to the ~~highest~~ Lowest bidder and it was struck of to Reuben Fay at five Shillings and sevenpence pr Cord

Wido. Salters Wood R. Fay 5/7 pr cord

(2) Voted to grant and raise the sum of One Hundred Pounds to pay Mr. Sumners settlement & Salary the year 1791 then Voted to Dissolve the Meeting Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded By Uriel Montague Town Clerk

Southborough May 31st 1791 The Subscribers hereby give Notice that they have taken into their care the affects of Mahel Moor which we fined in the High way amongs which it is suspected their are some articles of Spinning &c which belong to some other persons, which articles may be had by the owner or owners of them by applying to the overseers and proving their Property

Nathan Bridges } Select men
Jonas Ball
Uriel Montague } of Southboro

Aſahel Mathews } overseers
Mark Collins
Ezekiel Collins } of Poor

Recorded by

Url. Montague Town Clerk

Agreeable to Notice given us, by the Selectmen of
Northborough we the Subscribers being duly appointed for the above
May 23 1791 Purpose Have Preambulated the line and renewed the bounds between
Southboro. and Northborough to the sattisfaction of both parties
May 23d 1791

Isaac Davis } Committee for Northboro
Oliver Eager }

Elijah Brigham } Committee
Mark Collins Jun.r } for Southboro.

Southborough January 24th 1792 Receiv'd of Mark
Collins Jun.r Town Treasurer Thirty five Pounds it being in
part for my Salary for this Year Ending June 1792
£35 Samuel Sumner

Southboro. Febry 27th 1792
Rec.d of Mark Collins Jun.r Treasurer Six pounds Eight Shillings ~~and [illegible]~~ 10d. in
Part for my Salary the Present Year Ending June the 1st 1792
£6:8:10 Samuel Sumner

Southborough February 27th 1792
At a meeting of the Selectmen to Settle with the Treasurer
and on Examining his accounts we find that Mr. Mark Collins
Jun.r Treasurer for said Town for the Year a-d 1791 is ~~[illegible]~~ Charged
£579:2:4 with the Sum of Five Hundred Seventy Nine Pounds two
Shillings and four Pence — and he has Produced Vouchers
Shewing that he has paid the Sum of One Hundred ninty-
Eight Pounds ten Shillings and two pences and there still
198:10:2 Remains In the Treasurers Hands Including what is in the
Constables hands Notes and in Orders against divers Persons
the Sum of Three Hundred and Eighty Pounds Twelve Shillings
380:12:2 and two Pence

Elijah Brigham } Select
Nathan Bridges } men
Uriel Montague } of
Jonas Ball } Southboro

March AD 1792

Worcester ſs— To John Richards Conſtable for Southbora Greeting— In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts. You are hereby required to notefy and Warn all the free holders and Other Inhabitants of said Town Qualified by Law to Vote In Town Meetings, to Meet at the Meeting Houſe In said Town on Monday the fifth day of March Next at 12 Oth Clock att noone then and there to act on the following Articles viz

(1) To Chuſe a Moderator for said Meeting - - -

(2) For the Town to make Choiſe of Town Officers for the Year Inſuing as the Law directs—

(3) To chuſe some Perſon to Inspect the killing of Deer contrary to Law

(4) To chuſe Grave Diggers, Pound keeper, and some Perſon to sweep, Lock and Unlock the Meeting Houſe the Year Inſuing

(5) For the Town to Agree upon, and Grant a sum of Money to repair Highways the Year Inſuing and also, to state the price of Labour done on the same the Year Inſuing—

(6) To chuſe a Committee to hire Schoolmaſters the Year Inſuing or act thereon as the Town think beſt when met—

(7) For the Town to Agree upon and Grant a sum of money to pay Schoolmasters, and Other Town debts, the Year Inſuing—

(8) For the Town to Consider of and allow Town debts to those to whom they are Justly Indebted—

(9) for the Town to chuſe a Committee to squadron out the School money for the Year Inſuing or Act thereon as the Town think beſt when met

(10) For the Town to determin whither their swine shal run at large the Year Inſuing—

(11) To see what method the Town will take for the Support of their Poor the Year Inſuing Or paſs any Vote or Votes respecting the same ~~as~~ as the Town think best when met—

(12) For the Town to bring In their Votes for a County Treaſurer—

(13) To see if the Town will sel or lease the Work House and Land belonging to the same— Also— to see if the Town will Sel the Pew in the Meeting House which is the Towns property or act thereon as the Town think beſt when met—

(15) To see if the Town will diſcontinue the Town way Leading from Daniel Johnsons to the Road leading from Solomon Newtons to Jabez Newtons and make the same a bridle way dureing the Towns Pleaſure or act thereon as the Town think best when met—

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(16) To see if the Town will make any Allowance to Jonas Hall Esqr towards the Rent of the Work Houſe and Land, for the Year 1790 - as he could Not be in poſseſsion of the ſame according to Agreement - or Act thereon as the Town think beſt when met —

(17) To see if the Town will Chuſe a Committee to see that the several School Houſees in Said Town are kept in good repair or act thereon as the Town think beſt when met —

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings there onto Us on or before the time appointed for holding said meeting - given Under our hands and seal at Southborough this fourteenth day of February and In the Year of Our LORD one Thouſand Seven Hundred and Ninty two - by Order of the Selectmen

Uriel Montague Town Clerk

Worceſter Ss - In obedience to the within Warrant I have Executed the same by Posting a Copy of the Warrant agreeable to a Vote of the Town

Southborough March 5th 1792 { pr. John Richards Conſtable for Southborough —

Southborough March 5th 1792 -

The Town met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant and Proceeded to act as follows viz

on Art. (1) Choſe Mr. Elijah Brigham Moderator for said Meeting —

Selectmen Choſe Uriel Montague Town Clerk for the Year Enſuing —
Then Choſe Mr. Elijah Brigham - Col. Thos. Nixon - Mr. Nathan Bridges - Mr. Mark Collins Jnr. Dr. Ul. Montague and Majr. Jonathan Champney Selectmen the Year Enſuing
N.B. Col. Nixon by his own deſire was Excuſed by Vote — — —

Treaſurer (2) then Choſe Mr. Mark Collins Jnr. Town Treaſurer for the Year Enſu

Aſseſsor then Choſe Mark Collins Jnr. Mr. Solomon Newton and Mr. Trowbridge Taylor Aſseſsors for the Year Enſuing - - - - - - - - - - -

Conſtables then Choſe Abner Ward Conſtable for the East End and Ezekiel Collins Conſtable for the Weſt End, for the Year Enſuing - - -

Surveyors of Highways Then Choſe Mr. Nathan Bridges Surveyor of Highways for the Center Squad Mr. Elisha Bemis Eaſt End, Joſiah Bridges South Side and Samuel [illegible] West Squadron Surveyors of Highways for the Year Enſuing - -

Overseers of the Poor — Then Choſe Mark Collins Asahel Mathews and Ebenezer Bellows Overſeers of the Poor, but by their request ware Excuſed and on a journment - Choſe Mr. Heman Fay Mr. Peter Brewer and Mr. Reuben Fay who Accepted the truſt - - - - - - - -

Tythingmen Then Choſe William Herrington and Joſiah Tozer Tythingmen for the Year

Field Drivers Then Choſe Thomas Williams and Abel Chamberlain Field Drivers —

Fence Viewers Then Choſe Jeſse Eames Joseph Fairbank and Windsor Newton Fence Viewers for the Year Enſuing - -
N.B. the above officers Liable to oaths, ware sworn accordingly

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March 1792

Sealer of Leather } Then Chose Samuel Hudſon Sealer of Leather the Year Enſuing

Hog reaves } Then Chose Dr. Joſiah Cutting, Aſahel Mathews William Taylor and Joſiah Bemis Hog Reaves for the year Enſuing

Surveyor of Lumber } Then Chose Mr. Nathan Bridges Surveyor of Lumber for the Year &c

of Hemp } Then Chose Nehemiah Parker Surveyor of Hemp

Deer reave } Then Chose Col.o Thomas Dixon Deer Reave for the Year &c — —

Art. (3) } Chose Ebenezer Bellows & Stephen Bellows Grave Diggers — —

Art. 4 Chose Mr. George Brigham Pound Keeper, and to Lock, and unlock the Meeting Houſe the Year Enſuing — — — — — —

D°. (5) Voted to Grant and Raise the Sum of Sixty Pounds for the Purpose of Repairing High Ways the Year Enſuing to Levy.d and aſseſsed on the Polls and rateable Estates of Said Inhabitants &c — — — — —
£60 Hw.s and that the Price of Labour be as it was last year, 8 hours to be cal.d a Day work — — —

D°. (6) Chose Mr. George Brigham Reuben Fay William Williams and Mark Collins Jun.r a Committee to hire Schoolmasters the present Year

D°. (7) Voted to Grant and raiſe the Sum of Thirty six Pounds to pay School=masters the Year Enſuing then Voted to grant and raiſe the further Sum of One Hundred and Sixty four Pounds for the Purpose of paying Town Debts the Year Enſuing, all to Levy.d and Aſseſs.t on Polls and Rateable Estates of Said Inhabitants — — — —
£36 S.M.
£164 T.D.s

Then Voted to Adjourn the Meeting until tomorrow one OClock P.M. — then to meet at this place Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator — —

Southborough March 6th 1792 — The Town met according to adjournment and Proceeded to Act as followeth (viz)

On Art. (8) Voted to pass over this Article for the present — then Reſumed S.d Article again and Voted to allow the following Accounts viz

Granted to the Widow Sarah Brigham	£3: 13: 4
to Mark Collins Jun.r	1: 11: 6
to Mark Collins Jun.r	1: 10: 0
to Thomas Stone	0: 12: 0
to Solomon Newton	1: 11: 6
to Ezra Taylor	1: 12: 6
to Peter Brewer	0: 3: 0
to Daniel Johnson	1: 12: 6

On Art. (9) Voted to have the Several Schools in Said Town Kept in the Same manner as were the Year past — — — — — —

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on Art (10) Voted to Let their Swine run at Large the Year Inſuing - - - - - -

Do. (11) Voted to bind out Lydia Amſdens Child to the Loweſt Bidder, Until she is of age
then Voted to set up Andrew Newton and Wife to the Loweſt Bidder together with
Lydia Amſdens Child bound out — all the other Paupers that are Chargeable to the Town alſo Voted to set up Timo.=
Pierce and Timo. Bruce to the higheſt bidder — —
then Voted to paſs over this article for the Preſent - - - - - - - - -

Do. (12) the Town brot in their Votes for a County Treaſurer and when Counted ware found
to be Fifty Votes for Mr. Samuel Allen - - - - - - - - - 50 Votes

Do. (13) Voted to Sel the Work Houſe and Land belonging to the same — then Voted to set
it to the Higheſt Bidder then Voted to Poſpone the Sale one half an hour after which
W House sold £24 — it was Put up and Struck of to Jonas Ball Esqr. @ £24:0:0 then the Pew in
Meeting Houſe was put up and Struck off to Colo. Thomas Nixon @ £12:15:0

Voted that there be Sixteine Cords of fire wood, Procured for the U. of the several
Do. (14) Schools in said Town (viz) four Cords to Each Squadron in Sd. Town — then Voted to
set up Sd. Wood to the loweſt bidder, accordingly the 4 Cords for the Weſt End was
School Wood 16 Cords — put up and struck of to Mark Collins Junr. at 6/ pr. Cord — then the wood for the Center
was put up and struck off to Mark Collins Junr. at 6/ pr. Cord — then the Wood for the
Southſide was set Up and Struck off to Zacheus Wetherbee at 4/9 pr. Cord — then
the Eaſt Squadn. wood was put up and Struck of to Joſiah Tozer at 5/7 pr. Cord
then Voted to chuſe a man in Each Squadron Squadron to Inſpect and meaſure Sd.
Wood then Choſe David Pierce E.S. — Abel Chamberlain S. Side George Brigham
Inſpectors — Center and Elijah Brigham W. End for the above purpoſe — - - - -

Voted to diſcontinue the Town Way leading from Daniel Johnſons, to the Road
On (15) Leading from Solomon Newtons to Jabez Newtons to Daniel Johnſons he the said Johnſon
to keep up Good Gates and mend the Road for the Uſe of the same — and it is to be
H Way Diſcontinued — a bridleway and Improved as Such by Sd. Johnſon Dureing the Towns Pleaſure
and no longer any thin contained here in to the Contrary notwithſtanding —

On (16) Voted to make Mr. Ball a Conſideration of £1:0.0 and in Sted of paying two pounds
ten Shillings he is to pay only one Pound ten Shillings - - - - - - -
allowance to Ball £1:0:0 — Voted that the Committee that are Choſen to hire School Maſters be a Committee
On (17) to keep in repair the Several School Houſes in said Town - - - - -

Lydia Amsdens Child was Set up and bid off to Majr. Jonn. Champney at
On (11) fourteen Pounds fifteen Shillings,, but on agreement the Child was Bound to
[illegible] Sold for £14:15 — Mr. Benjn. Parker until of age — Then Voted to Provid the Cloathing and the
Doctering for Timo. Pierce and Timo. Bruce then Voted to set up Timothy
Pierce to the higheſt bidder, then Voted to Poſtpone the matter and Voted to adjo=
urn the meeting to Pierces Tavern at 7 oClock this Evening atteſt E. Brigham Town
Southboro March 6th 1792 7 oClock the Town met agreeable to adjournment
T Pierce Sold for £8:17:10 — and proceeded to the Sale of Timo. Pierce and he was struck off to Ebenezer
Bellows at Eight Pounds Seventeen Shillings and 10d for one Year £8:17:10
then Voted to Set up Joſeph Mixer to the Loweſt bidder the Town to pay his Docter=
ing and Cloathing and he was Struck off to John Prentice @ Three Shillings
and Eleven pence 3/11 pr. week for one Year — then Andrew Newton and
Wife was Set up on the same Conditions and they ware struck off to John Prentice
at five Shillings and nine pence 5/9 pr. Week — — Hannah Amſden was set
up and bid off to John Prentice at Eight pence pr Week he to Bed, Board & Nurſe her
one Year — Timothy Bruce was Set up to the higheſt bidder and Struck of
[illegible] £8:0:0 — to Thomas Williams at Eight Pounds - - - - - - - - - £8:0:0
which the Sd. Williams is to give for his hire —

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March Meeting Continued

Then Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in Apl.
Next at 3 Oclock P.M. atteſt Elijah Brigham Moderator
and Recorded by Uriel Montague Town Clerk
Southborough Apl. 2d. 1792 The Town met according
to the above adjournment on March Warrant and
and Proceed to act as followes viz

On Art. (8) Granted to Uriel Montague the sum of £2"1"7
Granted to Uriel Montague the further sum of 2:13:0
as set forth in his accounts then Exhibeted against the Town
Then Voted to Diſsolve the Meeting atteſt E. Brigham Mod.
and Recorded By Uriel Montague Town Clerk

Worcester ss. To Abner Ward and Ezekiel Collins
Conſtables for Southborough or Either of them Greeting —
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby
Required, to Warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of
said Town Qualleſide by Law to Vote for Governor Leiut Governor
and Senetors for the Year Enſuing, to meet at the Meeting
Houſe in Sd. Town on monday the 2d. day of April next
at 2 oClock P.M then and there to bring in their Votes for
Governor Lt. Governor and Senetors agreeable to the
Conſtitution of this Commonwealth

Alſo To notify and Warn all the free holders and Other
Inhabitants of Sd. Town Qualleſide by Law to Vote in Town
Meetings to Meet at time and place above mentioned
then and there to act on the following Articles viz

(1) To Chuſe a Moderator for Said meeting - - - - -

(2) To See if the Town will conſider of, and grant the Request of
Elijah Bellows and Joseph Tuttle of Princeton as set forth
in their letter to the Selectmen or Act there on as the Town
think fit when met—

(3) To See if the Town will consent to have the Singing in this
Church and Congregation Performed in Watses Pſalms
in lieu of these Verſions now in Uſe or act thereon as the
Town think fit when Met

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(4) For the Town to hear the Petition of Zurviah Newton and Grant the Prayer of the same if the Town think beſt when met — — —

(5) To see if the Town will give Jonathan Peirce liberty to Set out Mulberry Trees in the highway from his Houſe Eaſt or Weſt as he thinks beſt and Said Trees to be his Proprety (Intirely) unleſs they diſcommode the Town or some Individual Perſon, or act thereon as the Town think beſt when met

(6) To see if the Town will Sel so much of the North Sid of the Towns Common Back of the meeting Houſe in Sd. Town as can be Spared, or act thereon as the Town thinks beſt when met

(7) To see what the Town will do further about the Land which is their Property at the Iron works which was formaly Andrew Newtons In Framingham or act thereon as the Town think beſt when met

(8) To See if the Town will Conſent to lay out a Road from the County Road leading Through this Town to Framingham, to the Houſe of Reuben Hays or paſs any Vote or Votes reſpecting the Same as the Town may think beſt when met — — — — — — —

(9) To See if the Town will Grant Liberty to Col. Nixon and Others, the Privelage to Build Stables near the meeting Houſe in Sd. Town if it can be convenient, or act thereon as the Town think beſt when met

(10) To See if the Town will give liberty to the Proprietors of the Pews over the Mens and Womans Stairs in the meeting Houſe in said Town to Enlarge the same, or act thereon as the Town think beſt when met

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to us on or before the time appointed for holding Sd. Meeting Given Under our hands and Seal at Southborough this nineteenth day of March and in the Year of our Lord one Thouſand Seven hundred and Ninty Two — By order of Selectmen —

Uriel Montague Town Clerk

Worceſter Ss. I have Executed this Warrant as directed by Poſting a Copy of the Same agreeable to a Vote of the Town Pr. me

Abner Ward Conſtable
for Southborough

Southboro Apl. 2d. 1792 the Town Met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant and Proceeded to act as followeth viz the Votes for Governor Leut. Governor, and Senetors ware Cald for, and on Counting and Sorting the Same, it appeard that His Excellency John Hancock Eſqr. had 37 Votes for Governor and Francis Dana Eſqr. 5 Votes — for Lt. Governor his Honr. Saml. Adams Eſqr. had 37 Votes — first Senetor, Hon. Moſes Gill Eſqr. 33 Votes 2d Senator Hon. Saml. Baker Eſqr. 42 Votes (turn over) [illegible] }

third ~~Fourth~~ Senator Martin Kinſley Eſqr 26 Votes
Abel Wilder Eſqr 2 Votes. Caleb Amidown Eſqr 2 Votes
Fourth, Senator Caleb Ammidown Eſqr 22 Votes
Seth Waſhburn Eſqr 2 Votes
fifth Senator Elijah Brigham Eſqr Weſtboro. 34 Votes
John [illegible] Eſqr 1 Vote - - - - - - - - - - -
Recd & Recorded by Uriel Montague Town Clerk

The Town then Proceeded to the remaining buſineſs in the Warrant and firstly Chose Mr Elijah Brigham Moderator

(2d) art Voted to paſs over the article finally

(3) Voted that the Singers in this Chh. & Congregation have Liberty to Sing Dr. Wattses Pſalms dureing the Towns pleaſure

(4) Voted that the Overſeers go and see Zuriah Newton and Inquire into her Situation and make report at the next meeting - -

(5) Voted that they have no Objection to Jona. Pierces setting out Mulberry Trees if he pleaſes so to do

(6) Voted to paſs over this Article finally

(7) Voted to Chuſe a Committee to look into the affair of the Land at the Iron Works &c - the following ware Choſen viz Ezra Taylor Colo. Nixon and Jonas Ball Eſqrs

(8) Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen on the Road by them Layd out, from the County Road to Reuben Mays Houſe & no further and Eſtabliſh the Same as a Town way

(9) Voted to Chuſe a Committee to View the Stable Ground and Report Immediately Chose Ezra Taylor Mark Lovins [illegible] Parker then Voted to paſs over this article for the present - -

(10) Voted to paſs over this article finally - then Voted to Diſsolve the Meeting atteſt Elijah Brigham Modr

Recorded by Url. Montague Town Clerk

Southborough Apr. 2d 1792 The Selectmen for the Town of Southborough have layd out a Town way leading from the County Road Through Southboro. Aforesaid to Boston - Beginning at sd County road by Ezra Taylors Land at a stake and stones at the North side of said County road thence running across a Corner of said Taylors Land [illegible] Rods to the Land of John Mixers to a Stake and Stones two Rods in Width - thence from sd Stake and Stones 24 Rods across sd Mixers Land in a direct line to a White oak Stand Marked R - thence in an Angular rather Easterly to a Stake and Stones by the Wall and Land of Reuben Fay two Rods in Width thence running as the Wall is now Rod through sd Fays Land two Rods in Width until it comes to a pair of Bars in the Lane leading from said Fays House to the angle in his Lane Fifty two Rods thence from sd Bars to sd Fays House the East End of the Same Eighteen Rods (and no further) which is layd out one Rod and half wide - and we do apprise the Land land taken up for sd way Through John Mixers Land at the rate of Three Pounds pr acre said Road occupying one Hundred Rods of Land amounting by Estimation to one Pound Seventeen Shillings and Six pence and we apprize the Twenty Rods of Land that sd Road takes up in Ezra Taylors Land at Seven Shillings and Sixpence

Elijah Brigham
Nathl. Bridges
Mark Collins Jr.
Url. Montague
Jona. Champney
Selectmen for Southboro.

Recd. and Recorded by Uriel Montague Town Clerk

25 Worcester Ss. To Ezekiel Collins Constable for Southborough Greeting In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required to Warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of sd Town Quallefide by Law to vote for a Representative to the Genl. Court of this Commonwealth, to meet at the Meeting House in sd Town on monday the Seventh day of May Next at 2 OClock afternoon, then and there (if they see cause) to Elect one Good and Lawfull man to Represent them in the Genl. Court of sd Commonwealth the year Ensuing

Also, to notefy, and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of sd Town Quallefide to Vote in Town affairs to meet at time and Place Above said to Act on the following Articles

(1) (viz) (1) to Chuse a Moderator for the remaining business of the meeting

(2) to See if the Town Shut up the Town way Leading from Mark Collins Junr. to the County Road on Mathewses Hill So Called and make the same a bridleway during the Towns pleasure

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and Leaſe the same to aney One that may apply, or act thereon as the Town think fit when met - - - - - - - - -

(3) To see if the Town will hear the Petition of Doctr. Amos Cotting and act there on as the Town think best when met

Here of fail not and make due return of this warrant with the doings thereon unto us on or before the time appointed for holding sd Meeting Given Under our hands and Seal at Southboro. this 24th day of Apl. and in the Year of our Lord 1792

Elijah Brigham
Mark Collins Jr
Uriel Montague
Jon.a Champney
Select Men for Southboro.

Worceſter ſs. May 7th 1792 I have fully Executed the within Warrant by Posting a Copy, agreeable to a Vote of the Town

Ezekiel Collins Conſtable for Southboro.

May 7th 1792 the Town met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant Proceeded to Act as follows viz - - - -

Art. (1) Voted to paſs Over this article for the preſent - - -

(2) Choſe Elijah Brigham Moderator for the remaining Buſineſs of the meeting

(2) Voted to Shut the Road Leading from Mark Collinses &c Leaſe the Same to the higheſt bidder dureing the Towns Pleaſure then it was set up for one Year - then on motion made it was put to see if the Town would Reconſider the above Proceedings & Votes, and it paſsed in the Affermative - then Voted to diſmiſs the article finally - - - - - - - -

(3) Voted to paſs over this Article finally - - - - - - - -

The Town then proceeded to the Choiſe of a Repreſentative and on Counting the Votes it was declaird that mr. Elijah Brigham was Choson to Repreſent the Town in the Genl. Court the Year enſuing then Voted to diſsolve the Meeting atteſt

Elijah Brigham Moderator

and Recorded by Url. Montague Town Clerk

We the Subscribers being a Committee duly appointed to Preambulate the Bounds between Framingham and Southborough have agreed to the following Bounds viz 1st begining Marlboro. Corner 2ly a Walnut Tree marked F. S. 3ly to a heap of Stones at an Angle in the line 4ly to a heap of Stones near a White Oak Tree by Fays Land, 5ly to a Walnut Tree in the Wall marked — 6ly to a Stone in the Wall by Fays Land marked F S — 7ly to a heap of Stones Top of a Rock in John Mixers Paſture — 8ly — a Walnut Tree Marked F S — 9ly — a heap of Stones East of Mr. Leml. Newtons Houſe in the Eady of the medows — 10ly — an old dry Tree marked on the top of the Hill — 11ly — a heap of Stones at an old Stump marked F S — 12ly to an Old Stump and a Rock marked F S — 13ly — a heap of Stones at White hall Road marked F S — 14ly to a heap of Stones In the Swamp marked F — 15ly a heap of Stones marked S — 16ly — a heap of Stones on a White oak Stump — 17thly a heap of Stones by a Walnut Stand 18ly a heap of Stones by Stones corner so 19ly a heap of Stones piled about an Aſh Tree at the river marked F S — atteſt Jonathan Rugg and John Trowbridge Committee for Framingham Nathan Bridges Jonas Ball Jona Peirce Committee for Southborough Preambulated September 6th AD. 1792 Recd and Recorded by

Uriel Montague Town Clerk

LS Worcester Ss. To Either of the Conſtables of the Town of Southborough Greeting In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts you are here by required to Notefy and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Sd Town Quallefide by Law to vote in ~~Town affairs~~ the Choiſe of a Repreſentative to the General Court of this Commonwealth, to meet at the Meeting Houſe in Sd Town on ~~Monday~~ Friday the Second day of Novr next at one otheclock after noon for the purpoſe of Electing Repreſentetives to Repreſent this Diſtrict in the Congreſs of the United States of America — Agreeable to a Reſolve of the Genl Court of this Commonwealth alſo — to bring in their reſpective Votes for Electors who Shal Elect the Preſedant and Vice Preſidant of the Sd United States purſuent to the above Sd Reſolve —

alſo you are to Notefy such of the freeholders and othe Inhabitants of Sd Town who are Quallefide by Law to vote in Town affairs to meet at time and place above mentioned then and there to act on the following Articles viz

(1) to Chuſe a Moderator for the remaining buſineſs of the Meeting

(2) To see if the Town will Grant the Widow Deliverance Salter aney fire Wood this Year or paſs aney Vote or Votes reſpecting the Same as the Town may think beſt when met —

(3) To see if the Town will come into some meth: to Settle with Mr. Thos. Stone for the Wood which was due to his Revd. Farther from the Town in his Lifes time or paſs any Vote or Votes reſpecting the Same as Town think beſt when met

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(4) For the Town to Accept of a liſt of Jurors (if they see caus and act there on as the Town think beſt when met ~~

(5) To see if the Town will hear the Petition of Uriel Montague and paſs any Votes reſpecting the same as the Town may think beſt — Here of fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings there on to us on or before the time appointed for holding Sd meeting Given Under our hands and seal at Southborough this fifteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and ninty Two - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

Elijah Brigham
Nathan Bridges
Jonathan Champney
Mark Collins Jnr
Uriel Montague
} Select men of Southboro.

Worceſter ss Southborough Novr 1st 1792 I have fully Executed the within Warrant by Poſting a Copy of the same at the Meeting Houſe in Sd Town agreeable to a Vote of Sd Town

Ezekiel Collins Conſtable

Southborough November 2d 1792 The Town met agreeable to to the foregoing Warrant and proceeded to act as follows viz The Town brot in their Votes for Federal Repreſentatives and on counting ware found to be as follows viz — for the County of Worceſter

Hon. Jonathan Grout Eſqr - - - - - - - - - - 16 Votes
Worceſter Hon. Artemas Ward Eſqr - - - - - - - - - - 9 Votes
For the County of Hampſhier ~~
Samuel Lyman Eſqr - - - - - - - - - - - 13 Votes
Hampſhier William Lyman Eſqr - - - - - - - - - - 4 Votes
For the County of Birkſhier ~~
Birkſhier Hon Thomſon J. Skinner Eſqr - - - - - - - 10 Votes
John Bacon Eſqr - - - - - - - - - 3 Votes
Diſtrick Hon Theodor Sedwick Eſqr - - - - - - - - - 17 Votes for the Diſtrict - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
Commonwealth Benjam Auſtin Eſqr 19 Votes Elijah Brigham 1 Vote viz for the Commonwealth at Large - - - - - - - - - - - -

Electors
For the County of Worceſter Saml. Flagg - - - - 19 Votes
Martin Kinſley Eſqr - - - - - - - - - - - 13 Votes
For the County of Hampſhier Saml. Fowler Eſqr - - 16 Votes
For Ebenezer Mattoon Eſqr - - - - - - - - 4 Votes
For the County Birkſhier Elijah Dwight Eſqr - - - 15 Votes

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The Town Proceeded to the remaining business of the Warrant and is as follows (viz)

art.(1) Chose Elijah Brigham Moderator - - - - - - - - - - - -
Then Voted to adjourn the meeting until monday next on the 8th day of Novr Instant at 2 o'Clock P.M. at this place, attest Elijah Brigham Moderator
Southborough Novr. 5th 1792 The Town met according to adjournment and Proceeded to act as follows viz - - - - - - - - -

on art(2) Voted to Grant the Widow Salter some fire wood this year accordingly Voted to grant her five coards of wood for her the present Year - - -

art.(3) Voted to Chuse a Committee of 3 persons to Treat with Mr. Stone on the Subject of the wood &c - then chose Peter Fay Heman Fay and Reuben Fay and they are to report to the Town the next Town meeting - -

art.(2) Voted to Set up the Widow Slatters Wood to the Lowest Bidder accordingly it was set up at auction and Struck off to Majr. Jona. Champney at the price of Six Shillings and ten pence pr. Cord - and sd Champney is to Procure the same and Deliver sd. Wood at the Door of the sd. Widows House bein Cut 4 feet in length the Town then Voted to Chuse som person to Inspect sd. Wood and measure it accordingly Chose Robert Fay Junr. for the above purpose

on art(4) Voted to accept the List of Jurors as they ware read - - -

art. (5) Passed in the negative - then Voted to Dissolve the Meeting - -
attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

And Recorded by Url. Montague Town Clerk. -

Southborough 14th January 1793
Agreabel to the Law of this Commonwelth the Select men of Southbro appointed Jonathan Champney a Packer of meats, whitch trust he accepted. and was sworn to the faithful Discharge of his office

March 12th 1793 Recorded by,
Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

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L.S. Worcester ss To Abner Ward Or Ezekiel Collins
Constabels for Southborough or Either of them Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are required to notify and warn all the freeholders
and other Inhabitants of sd Town Quallifyed to Vote
for Representative to the Genaral Court of this Common-
wealth, to meet at the meeting House in said Town on mon
day the fourteenth of January next at one O Clock P.M
then and there, to bring in there Votes for some person
to Represent the County of Hampshier in the Congress
of the United States of America also to bring in their
Votes for some person to Represent the District at Large
in the Congress aforesaid; Also to Notify and warn
all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of sd Town Quallified
to vote in Town affairs to meet at time and place above
said then and there to act on the following articles viz,
1st To Chuse a Moderator for the Remaining Business of sd meeting
2d To see if the Town will pay the Revd Saml Sumner his Sallery
as they did the last year, his doing the same by the Town
as he did the year past; or pass any vote or votes respecting
the same as the Town think best when met;
3d To see if the Town will give the assessors any Instruction
to asses the Town grant of money granted by the Town the
Last March meeting or pass any Vote or Votes respect-
ing the same as the Town think best when met-
4th To see if the Town will Concider of and abate Certain
Taxes set to several Delinquants in the several Tax bills
Commited to the several Constabels in sd Town for years past
or act there on as the Town think best when met;
5th To see if the Town grant to Mark Collins & & others a
peice of land on the Town Common near the meetinghouse
in sd Town for the purpose of Erecting a noon House &c
or pass any Vote or Votes Respecting the same as the
Town think Best when met; next page

Hereof fail not and make due Return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us on or before the time appointed for holding s^d meeting, Given under our hands and seal at Southborough this thirty first day of Dec^r. Instant and in the year of our Lord one thousand seaven Hundred and ninety two,

Elijah Brigham } Selectmen
Nathan Bridges } for
Jon^a Champney } Southborough
Mark Collins J^r

Worcester ss January 14^th 1793.

I Have Executed this warrant as directed by posting a Coppy of the same agreable to a Vote of the Town

p^r me Abner Ward } Constable for Southborough

Southborough January 14^th 1793

The Town met agreable to the above warrant for the purpose of Chuseing Fedral Representatives and proce^d to act as follows Brought in their Vote for the County of Hampshier and for the district at Large,

For the County of Hampshier	For Hon^l Sam^l Lyman	36 Votes
	For W^m Lyman	1 Vote
For the District at Large	For Jon^a Grout Esq^r	3 Votes
	For W^m Lyman Esq^r	5 Votes
	For Dwight Foster Esq^r	24 Votes
	For Thompson J. Skiner	2. Votes

1^st Chose Elijah Brigham Moderator for the remaining business of said meeting

2^d Voted to pay the Rev^d M^r Sumner one half of his Sallery by the middle of July next and the whole of the Remaining part of his settlement by the first of June next.

Voted to pay Sumner

Turn over

3d Voted to direct the assessors to assess the Last years grant by the Lasts years Valuation —

4th Voted to abate the Rates set to Joseph Mixer in a List of assessment Commited to Wm Onthank to Collect all that part that shall appear not to be paid

Mixer Rates abated

also Voted to abate the Rates set to Silas Ball in a List of assessment Commited to Ezra Taylor to Collect So far as that said Taylor have an order for the sum of £3:06:1 he the said Taylor being accountable to the Town for any part or the whole of that sum when he shall Collect it

Silas Ball Rates Abated

5th Voted to grant to Mark Collins Jr and others 20 feet of ground, Back of the new Stabels west End of the Meeting House near a Large Blackoak tree west of the same, Begining about 3 feet to the west of said tree 20 feet thence South 20 feet thence East 20 feet thence north 20 feet then to the first mentin Bownds —

Land granted to Collins

Then Voted to Disolve this meeting and it was accordingly Disolved.

March 12 1793 Attest Elijah Brigham moderator

Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

Settlement with the Treasurer

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Southborough for 1792 met March 9th 1793 to settle with the Treasurer Mark Collins Jr and he being Examin'd we found him Chargabel with the sum of £639:13:0 and he produced Vouchers Shuing that he hes paid 244:17:6 and he is still Chargable with the sum of — 392 15:6 whitch is in the Constabels hands and in notes and accounts Viz —

In the Constables hands — £247:19:2:1
In notes some of whitch are not worth much 122:8:8:0
In accounts accounts — 029:1:4
Total 399:9:0:1
And it appears that the Treasurer Collins hes paid more than he hes Reiced — 392:15:6:0
£6:13:6 1

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Southborough March 4th 1793

Elijah Brigham } Selectmen
Nathan Bridges } for
Jona Champney } Southborough

Recd and Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

(21) Worcester ss To Mr Abner Ward or Ezekiel Collins Constables for Southborough or to Either of them Greeting
In The Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are Required to notify and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of sd Town Quallifyd by Law to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the meeting House in said Town on monday the fourth day of March next at 12 oClock at noon then and their to act on the following articles Viz,

1st To Chuse a Modarator for said Meeting

2d For the Town to make Choise of Town officers for the year Ensuing as the Law directs—

3d To Chase Some Person to Inspect the killing of Dear Contrary to Law—

4th To Chuse Grave Digers Pound keeper and Some person to Swep Lock and unlock the meeting House the year Ensuing

5th For the Town to agree upon and grant a sum of money to repair Highways the year Ensuing and also to State the price of Labour done on the same the year Ensuing

6 To Chuse a Committee to hire a School Masters the year Ensuing or act thereon as the Town think best when met—

7 For the Town to agree upon and grant a sum of money to pay schoolmasters and other Town debts the year Ensuing—

8 For the Town to Consider of and allow Town debts to those to whom they are Justly Indebted,

9 For the Town to Chuse a Committee to Squadron out the School money the year Ensuing or act thereon as the Town think best when met, See next page

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10 For the Town to determin whither their Swine shall run at Large the year Ensuing —

11 To see what method the Town will Take for the support of their poor the year Ensuing or pass any Vote or Votes respecting the same as may be thought best when met,

12 For the Town to Bring in their Votes for a County Treasur

13 For the Town to Chose a Committee to see that the several School Houses in sd Town are kept in good repair

14 For the Town to hear the report of the selectmen with regard to Highways which they may have layd out and accept of the same if they see cause or pass any Vote or Votes respecting the same as they think best when met

15 To see if the Town will Chuse a Committee to abate tax and allow town debts or act thereon as the town think best when met

16 To see if the Town will make sale of all, or any part of the road leading from Daniel Johnsons to the road leading from Marlborough to Jabez Newtons or pass any Vote or Votes respecting the same as the town think best when met

17 To see if the Town will make sale of the Land which is their property. Being the Estate formerly belonging to Andrew Newton now a pauper of sd Town or pass any Vote or Votes respecting the same as the Town think best when met —.

18 For the Town to hear the report of a Committee Chosen to look into the affair of Mr. Stones Claim for wood &c and act thereon as the town best

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us, on or before the time appointed for holding said meeting. Given under our hands and seal at Southboro this 18th day of February and in the year of our Lord Dom 1793;

Elijah Brigham
Nathan Bridges
Mark Collins Jr
Uriel Montague
Jonn. Champney

Selectmen for Southboro

Worcester ss March 4th 1793

In obedience to the within warrant I have warned all the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town to meet at time and place as within directed. by me

Ezekiel Collins } Constable for Southboro

Southborough March 4th 1793

The Town met agreable to the foregoing warrant and proceede to act as follows: —

art 1 Chose Elijah Brigham Moderator for sd meeting

art 2 Chose Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

Select men } Elijah Brigham
Mark Collins Jr
Jon^a Champney
Trowbridge Taylor
Abner Parker

Town Treasurer } Mark Collins Jr

Assessors } Solm Newton
Ezra Taylor
Peter Fay

Constables } Chose Joel Brewer and Erastmus Ward then Voted to accept of Zachews Witherbe in their stead they being accountable to the Town for all the assessments Committed to the sd Witherbe to Collect, sd Witherbe Chuseing to serve only as a Collector the Town made Choice of Ezra Taylor for a Constable for the year Ensuing

Surveyors of Highways } Joseph Johnson Center Squadron
Reuben Fay East Squadron
Nathan Bridges Jr South Squadron
Silas Brigham West Squadron

Overseers of the Poor } Peter Fay
Charles R. Burnet
Robert Fay Jr

Turn over

March meeting Contind

Field Drivers } Charles Angier Reuben Fay

Fence Viewers } Lem.l Chamberlain Joseph Onthank

Tythingmen } Charles Angier David Fay Abel Chamberlain

Sealer of Leather } Saml Hudson

Hog Reaves } Ebnr Ritchards ~~Reubn~~ Fay; ~~Mark~~ Collins J. Willard ~~Newton~~;

Surveyors of Lumber } Ezra Taylor

Of Hemp } Asahel Mathews The above named person were sworn agreable to Law

3d artl } Dear Reaf Col Nixon

4th artl } Grave diger Ebnr Bellows Eli Bruce, Chose Sol Este- Pound keeper also to sweep Lock and onLock the meeting House the year Ensuing

5th artl } Granted Eighty pounds to repair Highways the year Ensuing and Stated the price of Labour at three Shillings pr day Eight Hours to be a days work —

6th artl } Chose Jonn Peirce East End Capt Brigham Center, Doct Colling west End Capt Newton Southside as a Committee to hire — School masters for the year Ensuing

7th artl } Granted Forty Pounds to hire School masters the year Ensuing to be Equally divided betwixt the Squadrons
Also Voted to grand one Hundred and ten pounds to pay Town debts —

Then Voted to adjorn this meeting till tomorrow at one OClock to meet at this place.

Attest Elijah Brigham } Moderator

March 5th 1793 The town met agreable to adjornment and proceed to act as follows Viz.

8 artl		£
	Granted to Gorge Brigham ———	0:12:0
	Granted to Josiah Colling ———	0:16:2
	granted to Mark Collins Jr ———	4:4:0
	Granted to Soln Newton	2:11:0
	Granted to Trowbridge Taylor ———	2:19:0

9 artl Pasd over finally —

10 artl Voted to Let their swine run at Large the year Ensuing

11 artl Voted to set up the poor of the town to the Lowest bidder.

poor sold Andrew Newton and wife Struk of to Joseph Onthank at five & ten pence pr weak 5/10; Hannah Amsden struk of to Ezekiel Collins at one Shillin & nine pence pr weak 1/9 —

12 artl The town Brought in their Votes for County Treasurer and when Counted were found to be Forty three for Mr Saml Allen —

13^arte^ Voted that the Committee to hire a Schoolmaster be a Committee to keep the several School Houses in Repair —

14^artl^ Burnets Road

Charls A Burnet Requesting to have part of the road leading from Sd Burnets to Hopkinston discontinued, and a new one laid out, three of the selectmen went and Viewed the same, and reported to the town in favour of turning sd road, The town not accepting the report of the selectmen, Voted to Chuse a Committee of five persons to View Sd road Chose Ezra Taylor Peter Fay Jonas Ball Heman Fay Wm Herrington Sd Committee to report at the adjournment of the meeting, The Committee attending that business reported at a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town by adjournment on the 8th day of April, There report was that sd road ought not to be turned, The Vote was then put to see if the town would grant Sd Burnets request and it past in the Negative

N B Sd request Vacant

David Fays Road

Report of the Selectmen Proceeding thereon

David Fay Requesting to have a road laid out, begining at the road betwixt Wm Williams & John Pritchards and so on across the Land of Peter Bent and others to the road leading to Hopkinston near Daniels mill The Selectmen and also a Committee of five persons Chosen by the town Viz Ezra Taylor Jonathan peirce Jonas Ball Nathan Bridges Heman Fay haveing Viewed the ground, and the several ways propos'd by Sd Fay, and hearing the offers made by Elisha Bemis for people to pass and repass across his Land to said mill, At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town by adjournment on the 8th day of April, Reported that the Request of Sd Fay ought not to be granted, which report was — accepted by the Town ——————

15^artl^ Voted to pass this artl over finally —

16^artl^ Voted to pass this artl over finally

17^artl^ Committee to Sell the A Newton Land

Voted to Chuse a Committee of three persons to sell the Land belonging to the town formerly the Estate of Andrew Newton Chose Ezra Taylor Jonas Ball Col Nixon sd Committee to report at the adjournment of this meeting —

18^artl^ Voted to pass over this article finally

Then Voted to adjorn this meeting till the first monday of April next at four oClock to meet at this place —

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

March Meeting Continued

April 1st 1793 The town met agreable to adjornment on march warrant and proceded to act as follows Viz

18 artl Reconcidred the Vote for passing over the 18 artl

grant to T. Stone Then Voted to grant to Thomas Stone £2:13:1 it being what was due to his Hond Father, upon the wood Rate, he giving up sd Rate to the town,

Then Voted to adjorn this meeting till Eight o Clock to meet at Majr Champneys

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Eight o Clock The town met agreable to adjornment and proceeded to act as follows Viz,

2d artl Chose Mark Collins & Reuben Fay Hogreaves as recorded above

14 artl Chose a Committee as Recorded above on the 14 artl

Then Voted to adjorn this meeting to monday 8th day of April Instant at three O Clock to meet at the meeting house

Attest – Elijah Brigham Moderator

April 8th 1793 The Town met according to adjornment and proceded to act as follows Viz,

14 artl Proceded to act on this artl Respecting Burnets Road as Recorded above –

Also heard the report of the Selectmen Respecting David Fays Road as Recorded above on this artl.

Then Voted to Dissolve this meeting –

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

Worcester ss To Ezra Taylor Constable for Southborough Greeting

L.S. In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusets you are required to warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants of sd Town Quallifide by Law to Vote for Governor Leiut Governor and senators to meet at the meeting House in sd Southboro on monday 1st day of April next at 1 oClock P.M then and there to bring in their Votes for Governor Lieut Governor and senators agreable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth, Also to bring in their Votes for some person to Represent the County of Hampshire in the Congress of the United States of america; Also to bring in their Votes for some person to Represent the district at Large in the Congress afforsaid; —

Also to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of sd Town Quallifide to Vote in town affairs to meet at time and place aboveesaid; then and there to act on the following articles Viz—

art 1st To Chuse a moderator for the remaining business of sd meeting

2d For the Town to Chuse a Committe to settel with Thomas William for the hire of Timothy Bruce the year past, or pass any Vote or Votes repecting the same as the town shall think best when met—

3d To seeif the town will sell to James Harvey the pound together with the ground it stands on; or pass any vote or Votes repecting the same as the town think best when met—

4th To see if the town will sell any of the trees standing round the meeting house or pass any Vote or Votes repecting the same as the town think best when met—

5th To see if the Town will give the Treasurer any Instruction repecting the debts due to the Town, or pass any Vote or Votes repecting the same, as the town think best when met—

6th For the Town to hear a Letter from Asahel Clark relative to to a charge for burying Zacheriah Newton and for the town to pass any Vote repecting the same as the town think best when met

7th For the Town to Concider of and abate the rates set to Silas [illegible] in a List of assesment Commited to Reuben Fay to Collect or pass any Vote or Votes repecting the abating Rates as the Town think best when met

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us on or before the time for holding sd meeting; Given under our hands and seal at Southborough this 18th day of march in the year of our Lord Anno 1793,

Mark Collins Jr }
Jona Champney } Selectmen for Southborough
Trowbridge Taylor }

See officers return next page

pge 369 Worcester ss Southborough April 1st 1793

By Vertue of the within warrant I have warnd the Inhabitants of the town of Southborough to meet at time and place as within directed by posting a Coppy of this warrant agreable to a Vote of said town

pr Ezra Taylor Constable for Southborough

Southborough April 1st 1793

The Town Met agreable to the forgoing warrant and proceded to act as follows Viz; Broght in their Votes for Governor Lt Governor and Senators for the year Ensuing

For Govr	His Excellency John Hancock Esqr	46 Votes
	Honl Francis Dana Esqr	5 Votes
Lt Govr	Honl Saml Adams Esqr	47 Votes
First Senator	Honl Moses Gill Esqr	25 Votes
	Honl Josiah Stearns Esqr	10 Votes
Second Senator	Honl Josiah Stearns Esqr	86 Votes
Third Senator	Salem Town Esqr	37 Votes
	Honl Saml Baker Esqr	1 Vote
Fourth Senator	Honl Timy Newel Esqr	14 Votes
	Honl Saml Baker Esqr	1 Vote
	Benjn Haywood Esqr	11 Votes
Fifth Senator	Elijah Brigham Esqr	30 Votes
	Elijah Brigham	13 Votes

Also Brought in their Votes for some person to Represent the County of Hampsheir in the Congress of the United States of america also for the District at Large

For the County of Hampshier	Honl Wm Lyman	34
For the District at Large	Dwight Foster Esqr	29
	Honl Wm Lyman	1

The town proceeded to the remaining business of the Warrant and proceed to act as follows Viz ~)

1st artl Chose Elijah Brigham Moderator;

2d artl Voted to Chuse a Committee of three persons to settel
Williams With Thos Williams for the hire of Timy Bruce the year past
Committee Chose Mark Collins Jr Ezra Taylor & Peter Fay

3 artl. Voted to Chuse a Committee of five persons to View the pound
and report to the town; Chose Ezra Taylor Col Nixon Lemuel Fay
Pound Jonas Ball Jona Peirce sd Committee Viewd sd pound and reported
Viewed to have it repaird Mr Reuben Fay offering to repair sd pound
to the satisfaction of the town for 3/0 Voted to Employ sd Fay

4 artl Voted to sell three trees standing near the meeting House one
at the west End one at the East End & one in the pound: the
Trees Sold person that byes the tree in the pound to pay all damage of
falling sd tree; Sold the tree in the pound to Josiah Rozer
for 7/1; Sold the tree back of James Harveyes House to Lemuel
Fay for 8/6 ~ Sold the tree norwest of the meeting house
to sd Fay for 9/2

5th artl Voted to refer the matter repecting the Treasurer to the
Selectmen Then Voted that the notes against Ezekiel
Newton be taken out of the Treasurey and put into the
town Chest whitch was done

6th artl Voted to leave the matter with the Treasurer repecting
Zecariah Newton

Then Voted to adjorn this meeting till 7 o'Clock at Capt
Champneys
Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

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7 o'clock 4 artl Proceeded to sell the trees as recorded above

7th artl Voted to abate the rates set to Silas Ball in a Rail of assesment
Committed to Reuben Fay to Collect for the year Anno 1781
Rates abated Silas Ball sd Fay to be accountable for the whole or any part if he can
Collect it; Then Voted to dissolve this meeting
Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

May meeting

Worcester ss

(L.S. To Ezra Taylor Constable for Southborough. Greeting;
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusets you are Required to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of sd Town Quallified by Law to Vote for a Representative to the Genl Court of this Commonwealth to meet at the meeting House in sd Town on Monday the 13th day of May next at two of the Clock after noon then and there if they see Cause to Elect one good and Lawful man to Represent them in the Genl Court the year Ensuing also warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualifide to Vote in Town affairs to meet at time and place above sd; then and there to act on the following articles Viz:

1st – To Chuse a Moderator for the Remaining Business of sd Meeting

2d artl. For the Town to Concider of and if they se cause Chuse agents to defend the matter Respecting the Road being altred up[illegible]ews hill so Cald or pass any Vote or Votes Respecting the same as the Town think best when met,

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us on or before the time appointed for holding sd Meeting; Given under our hand and seal at Southbro this 29th day of April and in the year of our Lord 1793.

Elijah Brigham }
Mark Collins Jr }
Jona Champney } Selectmen of Southbro;
Trowbridge Taylor }
Abner Parker }

Worcester ss Southbro May 13th 1793

In obedience to the within warrant, I have fullly Executed the same by posting a Coppy Containing the time and place for holding sd meeting and the articles then and there to be acted upon; agreeable to a Vote of sd Town

Ezra Taylor Constable of Southboro

Southbro May 13th 1793

The Town met agreable to the forgoing warrant and proceeded to act as follows Viz:

Chose Elijah Brigham Representative for the year Ensuing

1st artl. Chose Elijah Brigham Moderator for the remaining business of sd meeting

2d artl. Chose the Selectmen as a Committee to defend sd Road

then Voted to dissolve this meeting;

attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

Southborough May 27 1793

We the Suberibers a Committee for renewing the bounds betweem Westborough & Southborough have attended sd business and renewed the bounds as follows Viz —

Perambulation between Westbro & Southbro

Begining at a mapel tree near Sudbury River with stone at the bottem and the Letter W; on the East side, Thence Eastwardly into David Fays pasture whitch Corner bounds were not to be found, Thence bearing to the northwest about 17 rods to a heap of stones suppose to be the anchant Corner bounds betwixt Southbro & Westbro; thence to a heap of stones in Asahel Mathews pasture about two rods from the road leading from sd Mathews to Jacob Parkers with the Letters W & S on one side of the stones, thence to a Large Rock with stones on the same with the letters W & S on the north side, thence to a heap of stones about 20 rods northwest of the Road leading from Asahel Mathewes to John Belknaps, thence to a white Oak stump with stones on the same on pancake hill, thence to an old stump and stones in Daniel Chamr paustiure, thence to a heap of stones in Dean Chamr wood land, thence to a stump and stones in Dean Chambr Swamp, thence to a heap of stones in the Town way leading from sd Chamr to Wm Johnsons with the letters W & S on one of the stones, thence to a heap of stones on the hill in Major Champneys pasture, thence to a stump and stones in Elijah Brighams field, thence over the County Road to a heap of stones in Wm Brighams pasture, thence to a stake and stones about six rods north of the road leading from Dean Brighams to Erastus Wards being the south Easterly corner of Northborough

Daniel Chamberlain
Ebenr Chamberlain
Mark Collins Jr
Abner Parker
} Committee

Worcester ss

To Ezra Taylor Constable for Southbro Greeting

(L.S.)

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of sd Town Quallifide to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the meeting house in sd Town on monday 3d day of June next, at three of the Clock in the after noon, then and there to act on the following viz

1st To Chuse a Moderator for sd meeting

2d For the Town to hear the report of the Selectmen Respecting a new County road laid out from the top of Brighams hill so cald acrost the land of Elisha and John Johnson out to the spring brook so cald, and for the town to act thereon as they think best or pass any Vote or Votes respecting the same as they think best when met,

3d For the Town to hear the request of Silas Amsden and pass any Vote or Vote respecting the same as they think best when met

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us on or before the time appointed for holding sd meeting given under our hand and seal at Southboro this 27 day of May and in the year of our Lord 1793. Elijah Brigham Mark Collins Jr Jonan Champney Trowbridge Taylor Abner Parker Selectmen for Southboro —

Worcester ss June 3d 1793

I have fully Executed the within warrant, by posting a Coppy thereof, Containing the time and place for holding the meeting and the articles then and there to be acted upon.

Ezra Taylor) Constable for Southbro

Southbro, June 3d 1793,

The Town met agreable to the forgoing warrant and proceeded to act as follows Viz,

1st artl Chose Jonª Champney Moderator for sd Meeting

2d artl Voted to oppose the road going where it is now Layd out

Committee Voted to Chuse a Committee of five persons to draft

to draft a a Petition, Chose Trowbridge Taylor Solm Newton

Petition Dect Montague Abner Parker Mark Collins —

also Voted to Chuse Trowbridge Taylor agent to defend

agents Chose the matter Respecting sd Road, then Voted to add two more Chose Peter Fay Jonas Ball.

3d artl Voted that the Treasurer let Silas Amsden have as much money as he thinks necessary to carry on the

Silas matter matter Respecting his pension he giving his note for the same on Intrest

Then Voted to disolve this meeting

Attest Jonª Champney Moderator

Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

The Burying place let the present year to

Wdo Sarah Brigham for 6/0 She Engaging to mow the brush and keep the fence up all the year

Worcester ss To Ezra Taylor Constable for Southbro Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required forthwith to warn all the freholders and other Inhabitants of sd Town Quallifide to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the meeting House in sd Town on monday the 26th day of August Instt at three of the Clock P.M, Then and there to act on the following articles Viz.–

1st artl To Chuse a Moderator for sd Meeting –

2d artl For the Town to hear the report of the Selectmen respecting a road by them Layd out, from the road formerly laid out by the Selectmen of Southbro from the road by Wm Williams to the Corner of Peter Bents pausture, Begining at the Corner of sd Bents Land, and so on acrost the Land of David Bent and Elisha Bemis out to the road leading from Phins Bemis to Hopkinston, And accept of the same if they se cause, Or pass any Vote or Votes Respecting the same as they think best when met –

3d artl For the Town to grant the Wido Sattler some fire wood or pass any Vote or Votes respecting the same as they think best when met,

4th artl For the Town to give any further Instruction respecting the road Layd out acrost Brighams hill, Or passing Vote or Votes respecting the same as they think best when met,

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us on or before the time appointed for holding sd meeting, Given under our hands and seal at Southborough this twelvth day of August in the year of our Lord 1793;

Elijah Brigham
Mark Collins Jr
Jona Champney
Trowbridge Taylor
Abner Parker

Selectmen of Southborough

Worcester ss Southbro August 26 1793

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of sd Town Qualified as therein Expressed, to meet at time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned,

Ezra Taylor Constable

Southborough August 26th 1793

The Town met agreable to the forgoing warrant and
proceeded to act as follows Viz.

1st artl Chose Elijah Brigham Moderator for sd meeting

2d artl Voted to pass over this article for the present.

3d artl Voted to grant the Wido Sailer five Cords and a half
Wido Sailer wood of firewood four feet long then Voted to set up sd
wood to the Lowest bidder and it was Struck of to
Nathan Bridges Jr for 6/8 pr Cord.
then Voted that Mr Robert Fay Measure sd wood

1st artl Voted to Leave the matter respecting the road over Brigham
hill to the agents Chose Last meeting.

2d artl Voted to accept of the report of the Selectmen respecting
the road by them Lay'd out acrost the Land of David
Fay and Elisha Bemis and Establish the same as a
town way. then Voted to disolve this meeting
Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

[illegible] Road Lay'd out

We the Subscribers Selectmen of Southborough being requested by David
Fay to Lay out a road from Wm. Williams Col Dankels Mill in the
most Convenient place, have attended that business and have Lay'd out
a two rod way acrost the Land of sd Fay and Elisha Bemis out to the
road leading from Phins Bemises to Hopkinston near sd mill, and is boun-
ded as follows Viz, Begining at the Corner of Peter Bents pausture
being the ancient bounds of the end of the road, formerly Lay'd out
by the Selectmen of Southborough to the Corner of sd pausture and wall
then Call'd Leveses Corner, Begining at sd Corner and runing acrost
sd Fays Land SouthEasterly 17 rods to a Stake and stones at the End of
sd Fays Wall by Bemises Land, thence SouthEasterly as the road is now
trod 20 rods to a Walnut tree markd with Stones, at the road thence
Easterly as the road is now trod 12 rods to a Stake and Stones, thence Easterly
as the Wall runs 12 rods to a Stake and Stons at the End of Bemises wall
thence Easterly 12 rods to a gray oak tree markd, thence Easterly 27
rods to a Stake and Stones, thence SouthEasterly 53 rods to a Stake and
Stones, thence Easterly 18 rods to a Stake and Stones at the road Leading from
Phinehas Bemises to Hopkinston. The bounds of sd Way to be the Southerly
side of sd road, And we do apprise the Land taken up for sd way
through Elisha Bemises Land, being one Acre 152 rods and the damage
at Seventeen pounds And the Land taken up through David Fays Land
being 30 rods we apprise at fifteen Shillings

Southborough August 26th 1793

Elijah Brigham
Mark Collins
Jonn Humphrey
Trowbridge Taylor
Peter Fisher

Selectmen of Southborough

Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

Worcester ss To Ezra Taylor Constable for Southborough Greeting

(L.S.)

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts you are requird to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of sd Town Quallifide by Law to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the meeting house in sd Town on monday the 28th day of October Instant at one of the Clock P.M then and there to act on the following articles Viz,

1st For the Town to Chuse a Moderator for sd Meeting,

2d artl For the Town to grant fire Wood to supply the several School Houses the year Ensuing or act thereon as the Town think best when met, –

3d artl For the Town to allow Town debts to whom the Town are Justly Indebted, –

4th art For the Town to hear the report of their Committee Chosen to make sale of the Land formerly the Estate of Andrew Newton and act thereon as the Town think best when met

5th artl For the Town to hear the report of their agents Chosen to defend the matter respecting the road Layd out acrost Brighams hill and for the Town to act thereon or paſs any Vote or Votes respecting the same as they think best when met, –

6th artl For the Town to hear the request of Asahel Mathews and act thereon as they think best when met,

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us on or before the time for holding sd meeting Given under our hands and seal at Southborough this 11th day of October and in the year of our Lord 1793

Elijah Brigham
Mark Collins Jr
Jon.a Champney
Trowbridge Taylor
Abner Parker

Selectmen of Southborough

Worcester ss
Southborough October 28th 1793
Persuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of sd Town, so Quallifide as therein expresd, to meet at the time and place and for the purpoſes therein mentiond,

Ezra Taylor Conſtable

Southborough October 28th 1793,

The Town met agreable to the forgoing warrant and proceded to act as follows Viz,

1st Chose Elijah Brigham Moderator, for sd Meeting

2d artle Voted to grant 16 Cords of wood to supply the Several School Houses to be 8 feet long, Voted to set it up at Vandue

School wood granted and Sold

Set up the wood for South Side Struk of to Zacheus Witherbe at 5/8 pr Cord Lemt Chamberlain to Inspect the same,

East End Struk of to Mark Collins Jr at 6/10 pr Cord — Asa Fay to Inspect the same

Center Struk of to Ezekiel Collins at 7/0 pr Cord George Brigham to Inspect the same

West End Struk of to Elijah Brigham at 6/4 pr Cord John Johnson to Inspect the same

3d artle Voted to refer the matter respecting Doct Collings account to the Treasurer

4th artl Voted to defer the matter respecting sd Land and the former Committee to make sale of the same

5th artle Pasd over finally

6th artle Pasd over finally

Then Voted to adjorn this meeting to Major Champneys to meet at five O Clock — Elijah Brigham Moderator

Five O Clock The Town met agreable to adjournment & proceeded to the sale of the wood as Recorded above

Then Voted to Dissolve this meeting

Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Cler

January 6th 1794, warrant

Worcester ss To Ezra Taylor Constable for Southboro, Greeting

(2s) In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusets you are requir'd to warn all the freholders and other Inhabitants of sd Town Quallified by Law to Vote in Town affairs, to meet at the meeting House in sd Town on monday the 6th day of January next at one of the Clock afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles Viz,

1st For the Town to Chuse a Moderator for sd Meeting

2d artt For the Town to grant money to hire a School master two months in Each Squadron, or act thereon as they think best when met, or pass any other Votes respecting Schools

3d artt For the Town to hear the Report of their Committee Chosen to settle with Thomas Williams respecting the hire of Timothy Bruce and act thereon as they think best when met

4th artt For the Town to hear the report of their Committee Chosen to sell the Land formerly the Estate of Andrew Newton or act thereon as they think best when met

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us on or before the time for holding sd meeting Given under our hands and seal at Southborough this 20th day of December and in the year of our Lord 1793,

Elijah Brigham
Mark Collins Jr
Jona Champney
Abner Parker
Trowbridge Taylor

Selectmen of Southborough

Worcester ss Southborough January 6th 1794

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have Notified and warned the Inhabitants of sd Town qualified as therein expressed to meet at time and place, and for the purposes therein mentioned

Ezra Taylor Constable

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Southborough January 6th 1794

The Town agreable to the forgoing warrant and proceded to act as follows Viz ——

1st Chose Elijah Brigham Moderator for Sd Meeting

2d artl School grant £20:0:0 Voted to grant the sum of Twenty pounds for the purpose of hireing a School master to be assesed upon the Poles and Ratable Estate within the Town, to be Equally devided betwixt the Squadrons

3d artl Report of a Committee The Committee reported that they had not Come to any Settlement with Sd Williams. the Town then Laid it all over finally —

4 artl Land Sold to Bemis Voted to grant to Phinehas Bemis his Heirs and assigns forever all the Land Belonging to the Town of Southborough formerly the Estate of Andrew Newton. he paying four pounds ten Shillings to Sd Town

Then Voted to Disolve this Meeting ——

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

Assessors Certificate These Certify that we have Assessed the Poles and Estates in the Town of Southborough in the Sum of one Hundred and fifty five pounds four Shillings & three pence and have Committed the same to Mr Jackson Witherbe Collector for Sd Town, to Collect with warrant in due form of Law for Collecting and paying the same to Mr Mark Collins Jr Treasurer for Sd Town. or his successor is office on or before the Last day of January next

Southborough Septemr 25th 1793

To The Selectmen
of Southborough

Solomon Newton
Ezra Taylor
Peter Fay
Assessors

Recd and Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

Assessors Certificate

These Certify that we have Assessed the Poles and Estates pag 380 of the Town of Southborough in the Sum of Twenty pounds (agreeable to a Vote of sd Town on the Sixth day of January Instant,) for the purpose of defraying the Charges &c of a School in said Town, and have Committed the same to Zacheus Witherbee Collector, with a Warrant in due form of Law, for Collecting & paying in the same to Mark Collins Jr Treasurer or his successor in sd office on or before the first day of March next, &c)

Southborough Jany, 29th 1794

The Selectmen of
Southborough

Solomon Newton
Ezra Taylor
Peter Fay
} Assessors

Recd and Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

Settlement with the Treasurer

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Southborough for 1793, met March, 3d, 1794, To Settel with the Treasurer Mark Collins Jr. And he being Examined we found him Chargable with the Sum of £ 565:14:8
And he produced Vouchers that he hes paid, 408:5:1
And he is Still Chargable with the Sum £ 157:9:7
And there is Still in the Constables hands and in notes and accounts, the Several Sums hereafter mentioned Viz. In the Constables hands £ 128:10:11:2
In notes 85:6:7:0
In accounts 1:3:10:0
And it appears that Treasurer Collins, Total £ 215:1:4:2
hes paid more than he hes Received 57:11:9:2

Southborough March 3d 1794

Elijah Brigham
Jona Champney
Trowbridge Taylor
Abner Parker
} Selectmen for Southborough

Recorded By Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk.

The burying yard let the present year to the widow Brigham for 6/0. And the garden at the End to Major Champney for 10/0 —
Treasurer Chargable with fifteen pounds borrowed of Lt Elijah Brigham —
Treasurer Chargable with a note against Daniel Conwell £ 5:1:4
Henry Road 0:12:0

Page 381 March Meeting Warrant 1794,

To Ezra Taylor Constable for Southborough Greeti

Worcester ss

(L.S.) In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massach you are Required to Warn all the freeholders & othe Inhabitants of Sd Town, Qualifide by Law to Vote in tow affairs, to meet at the meeting house in Sd Town on monday the third day of March next, at twelv o'Clock at noon, then and there to act on the following articles Viz

1st To Chuse a Moderator for Sd Meeting

2ly For the Town to Make Choice of Town offico for the year Ensuing as the Law directs

3ly To Chuse some person to Inspect the killing of deer Contrary to Law

4thly To Chuse Grave digers, Pound keeper, and some person to Sweep Lock and unlock the meeting house the year Ensuing

5thly For the Town to agree upon and grant a sum of mon to Repair highways the year Ensuing, and State the price of Labour done on the same the year Ensuin

6thly For the Town to agree upon and grant a sum of money to hire a School master the year Ensuing and pass any other Vote or Votes Respecting Schools as the Town think best when met,

7thly For the Town to agree upon and grant a sum of money to pay the Revd Saml Sumners Sallery and other town debts or pass any Vote or Votes Respecting the same as the Town think best when met

8thly For the Town to allow Town debts to those to whome they are Justly Indebted

9thly For the Town to determin whether their Swine Shall run at large the year Ensuing

10thly For the Town to determin what method they will take for the Support of their poor the year Ensui or pass any Vote or Votes Respecting the same as they think best when met

11thly To see if the Town will Shut up the Town way leading from Mark Collins to the County road on Mathewes hill so cald and make the same a bridle way during the Towns pleasure, and lease the same to any one that may apply or act thereon as the Town think best when met, 12ly For the Town to hear the purposals of the Revd Saml Sumner and act thereon as the Town think best when met

13ly For the Town to hear the Request of Mary Johnson respecting the rent of her house Occupied by Asahel Moor lately dead who was a pauper of sd Town, and act thereon as the Town think best when met

14ly For the Town to hear the Request of Docr Montague and act thereon as they think best when met

15ly For the Town to determin whether they will do any thing further respecting the road Layd out acrost Brighams hill so Cald ar act thereon as the Town think best ~~when~~ when met

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us on or before the time for holding Given under our hands and Seal at Southborough this 17th day of February in the year of our Lord 1794

Elijah Brigham
Mark Collins Jr
Jona Champney
Trowbridge Taylor
Abner Parker
Selectmen of Southborough

Worcester ss Southborough March ye 3d 1794

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of sd Town qualified as therein expressed to meet at time and place ~~and for~~ the purposes within mentioned

Ezra Taylor Constable

March Meeting

Southborough March 3d 1794

The Town met agreable to the forgoing warrant and proceded to act as follows Viz.

1st artl Chose Elijah Brigham Moderator for Sd Meeting

2d artl Chose the following officers into office agreable to Law,

Town Clerk	Trowbridge Taylor
Selectmen	Elijah Brigham Mark Collins Jr Jonª Champney Trowbridge Taylor Abner Parker
Town Treasurer	Mark Collins Jr
Assessors	Solomon Newton Mark Collins Jr Ezra Taylor
Constables	John Starnes East End Elisha Johnson West End Ezra Taylor

The Town Voted to accept of Nathan Bridges Jr in the room and Sted of John Starnes he the Sd Starnes to be accountable for all the Collections Committed to Sd Briges to Collect

Surveyors of High ways	Jonª Peirce Center Charles Angier East Charles R Burnet South John Johnson West Squadron
Overseers	Erastmus Ward Jonª Peirce Reuben Fay
Field drivers	Josiah Toger Obediah Newton
Fence viewers	Elisha Fay Peter Fay
Tythingmen	Solm Este Lot Rice
Sealer of Leather	Saml Hudson
Hogreaves	Jonª Peirce Silas Brigham Nathan Briges Jr

Surveyor of Lumber Nathan Bridges

Surveyor of Hemp, Asahel Mathews

3 artl Deer reave — Abner Ward

4th artl Grave digers Ebrn Bellows
Eli Bruce

Pound keeper Chose Solm Este Also to Lock unlock and Sweep the meeting House the year Ensuing.

N. B all the above officers of home an oath is required were Sworn agreable to Law.

5th artl Highway grant — Voted to grant the Sum of Eighty Pounds to repair Highways the year Ensuing to be assesed on the Poles an estates within the town And stated the price of Labour done an the same at 3/0 pr day Eight Hours to be a days work—

6th artl — Voted to grant the sum of Sixty Pounds to Hire a School master the year ensuing to be assesed on the poles and Estates, to be equally devided betwixt the Squadrons, Voted to have four axes bought for the use of the Schools Voted to grant 20 Cords of Wood Eight feet long for the several School houses in sd Town Voted to set up the wood to the lowest bider, and it was set up and struck of to the person hearafter named—

School Matters

South Side Wood Struck of to Marks Collins Jr at [illegible] five Shillings pr Cord — 5/0 Zacheus Witherbee Inspector

East End wood Struck of to Capt Seth Newton at six Shillings pr Cord— 6/0 Asa Fay Jr do

Center wood Struck of to Capt Seth Newton at six Shillings one penny pr Cord 6/1 Sol Este Jr do

West End wood Struck of to Elijah Brigham; at six Shillings pr Cord— 6/0 Wm Brigham do

Voted to Chuse a Committee of four persons to hire Schoolmasters the year Ensuing. sd Committee to se that the Several Schoolhouses are kept in repair

School Committee — Heman Fay Center Decon Fay West End Ezra Taylor East End Seth Newton South Side,—

Voted to adjourn this meeting till tomorrow at one OClock P.M. to meet at this place

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator—

March 4th, 1794 The Town met agreable to adjournment and proceded to act as follows Viz,—

7th artl Town grant — Voted to grant the Sum of one Hundred & Fifty Pounds to pay town debts to be assesd on the Poles and Estates within the Town,—

8th artl

	£	s	d
Granted to Marks Collins Jr —	1	16	0
Granted to Solomon Este —	0	15	0
Granted to John Prentice —	1	16	0
Granted to Urial Montague —	7	7	0
Granted to Robert Fay Jr —	0	19	11
Granted to Ezra Taylor —	2	7	6
Granted to Peter Fay —	1	16	0
Granted to Solm Newton —	1	16	0
Granted to Josiah Colling —	0	12	10
Granted to Josiah Colling —	1	12	8
Granted to Jona Peirce	0	8	2
Granted to Nathan Brigham.	0	19	6
Granted to John Prentice —	1	4	0
Granted to John Prentice	1	16	0

March Meeting Continued

9ly arte Voted to Let their Swine run at Large the year
Ensuing

10ly arte Voted to Set up their Poor to the Lowest bidder,
Andrew Newton Struk of to Doct Montague at
Poor sold Seven Shillings & three pence pr weak
Hannah Amsden Struk of to Doct Montague at
two Shillings & ten pence pr weak
Sim.l Peirce Set up to the highest bidder and Struk
of to Josiah Sager at nine pounds Seven Shillings

11ly arte Voted to Shut up sd way during the Towns pleasure
Collins road and make the Same a bridle way, and Lease the
Same to the highest bidder for one year they keeping
gates at their own Cost, the Same was Set up and Struk
of to Mark Collins Jr at 12/0 pr year

12ly arte Voted to pay the Reverend Saml Sumner his Sallery
Sumners matter Quarterly for two years he relinquishing the wood due
to him for Each year

13ly arte Voted to grant to Mary Johnson £1:10:0 for the
use of her house occupied by Asahel moor pauper of
Mrs grant the Town of Southborough

14ly arte Pase over

15ly arte Voted to Chuse a Committee of three persons to
Petition to the Court of general Sessions of the peace
County for the purpose of obtaining an alteration in the
Road County Road Layd out acrost Brighams hill to Colo
Committee Chose Ezra Taylor Solm Newton Jonas Ball
Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to four O Clock
to meet at Major Champneys

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Four O Clock The Town met agreable to adjournment and proceeded to the Sale of the paupers and
School wood as Recorded above

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the 7th day of
April next at four O Clock P.M. to meet at the meeting
House in sd Town. Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

2d The Town met agreable to adjournment and proceeded to act on
6th and 8 arte as Recorded above Then Voted to disolve this
meeting
Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerke

Worceſter ſs To Elisha Johnſon Conſtable for
Southborough Greeting,—

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſſachuſetts you are required to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of sd Town,) Quallifide by Law to Vote for Governor Lt Governor and Senators, to meet at the meeting house in sd Town on Monday the 7 day of April next at one o'Clock P.M— then and there to bring in their Votes for Governor Lieut Governor and Senators agreable to the Conſtitution of this Commonwealth, Alſo warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of sd Town Quallifide to Vote in Town affairs to meet att time and place above said then and there to act on the following articles Viz,—

1st To Chuse a Moderator for sd meeting

2ly For the Town to bring in their Votes for County Treasurer

3ly For the Town to agree upon and grant a sum of Money to make the new County Road up Brighams hill so Call'd, or paſs any Vote or Votes Reſpecting the same as they think best when met—

4ly For the Town to determine whether they will make David Fay any Concideration for the Land taken for a town way, more than the Selectmen appriſ'd sd Land at, or paſs any Vote or Votes reſpecting the same as the Town thinks best when met,—

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us, on or before the time for holding sd meeting, Given under our hands and Seal at Southborough this 24 day of March and in the year of our Lord 1794

Elijah Brigham
Mark Collins
Jona Champney
Frowd Taylor
Abner Parker
Selectmen for Southborough

Worceſter ſs April 7th 1794—

In obedience to this Warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Southbro Quallifide to act on this warrant by posting a coppy of the same,

Elisha Johnſon Conſtable for Southborough

April Meeting

Southborough April 7th 1794

The Town met agreable to a warrant for the purpoſe of chuſeing, Governor, Lieut Governor & Senators for the year Enſuing, and proceeded to act as follows Viz,

Brought in their Votes for the perſons hereafter named

For Governor	Hon Saml Adams Eſqr	29 Votes
	Hon Wm, Cuſhing Eſqr	25 Votes
Lieut Governor	Honl, Moſes Gill Eſqr	4 Votes
	Hon Saml Adams Eſqr	17 Votes
	Honl Benjn Lincoln Eſqr	5 Votes
	Honl Elbridge Gerry Eſqr	11 Votes
First Senator	Honl Moſes Gill Eſqr	32 Votes
Second Senator	Honl Josiah Starnes	19 Votes
	Honl Saml Baker	5 Votes
Third Senator	Salem Town Eſqr	24 Votes
	Honl Saml Baker	1 Vote.
Fourth Senator	Daniel Biglow Eſqr	22 Votes
Fifth Senator	Honl Saml Baker	14 Votes
	Benjn Hayward Eſq	12 Votes

1st artl Chose Elijah Brigham Moderator for the Remaining buſineſs of sd meeting

2d artl Votes for County Treaſurer were for Mr Saml Allen Forty five Votes

3d artl Paſsd over finally

4th artl Voted not to make David Fay any further allowance Then Voted to Let sd Fay take of the Trees on sd Land it done within one year,

David Fays matter

Then Voted to diſolve this meeting

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

Southborough April 21st 1794

We the Subscribers being Legally notified for the purpose of runing the Line and renewing the bounds between the town of Marlborough and Southborough, have attended that Service and compleeted the business to the Satisfaction of both parties, Begining at a Stake and stone heap in the Wido Brighams pasture on walnut hill, thence to a heap of Stone on Prospect hill, Thence to a heap of Stones in George Brighams Land by the brook, Thence to a heap of Stones in Solm Newtons Land, Thence to the Bridge between Hawk Meadow and Kitchard meadow; Thence to a rock in the road markd M.S. Thence to a heap of Stones at the end of the wall in Jonas Morses Land formerly Cald alcocks Corner thence to a heap of Stone at Framingham Line

Elijah Brigham
Mark Collins Jr
Jona Champney
Abner Sacker
} Selectmen for Southbro,

Edward Barns
Aaron Brigham
Alas Gates
} Committee for Marlborou

Receivd and Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

Worcester ss To Ezra Taylor Constable for Southborough Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusets you are required to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Sd Town Quallifide by Law to Vote for a representative to the Genl Court of this Commonwealth, to meet at the meetinghouse in Sd Town on monday the 12th day of May next at 2 O Clock afternoon, then and there if they se Cause to Elect one good and Lawful man to Represent them in the Genl Court of this Commonwealth the year Ensuing, Also warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Sd Town Quallifide to Vote in Town affairs to meet at time and place above said then and there to act on the following articles Viz

1st To Chuse a Moderator for Sd meeting

2dly For the Town to Chuse a Committee to repair the outside of the meeting house or pass any Vote or Votes respecting the same as they think best when met

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to us on or before the time for holding Sd meeting. Given under our hands and seal at Southborough this 28th day of April and in the yeal of our Lord 1794.

Elijah Brigham
Mark Collins Jr
Jona Champney
Trowbridge Taylor
Abner Sacker
} Selectmen of Southborough

Worcester ss, Southborough May 12th 1794

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the male Inhabitants of Sd Town qualified as within directed to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentiond

Ezra Taylor Constable

May Meeting —

Southborough May 12 1794

The Town met agreable to the forgoing warrant and proceed to act as follows Viz, —

Voted not to Chuse a Representative the present year —

1stly Chose Elijah Brigham Moderator of Sd meeting

2dly Voted to make such repairs to the out side of the meeting house as are necessary Then Voted to direct the Treasurer to make Sd repairs, —

Repair the meeting house

Then Voted to Dissolve this meeting —

Attest Elijah Brigham moderator

Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

Worcester ss To Ezra Taylor Constable for Southborough Greeting

L.S. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are Required to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Sd Town Quallifide by Law to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the meeting House in Sd Town on Monday the 8th day Sepr next at one of the Clock after noon, then and there to act on the following articles Viz —

1stly To Chuse a Moderator for Sd Meeting

2dly For the Town to grant a Sum of Money to make the new County Road over Brighams hill so Call'd or pass any Vote or Votes Respecting the same as the Town think best when met —

3dly To See if the Town will make any further allowance in addition to the pay allowed by Congress to those men which are to be detached from the Company of Militia in this Town, to serve as Minuet men agreable to an act of Congress for raising the same or act thereon as the Town think best when met —

4thly For the Town to grant the Widw Salter fire wood for the present year or pass any Vote or Votes respecting the same as the Town think best when met —

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us on or before the time appointed for holding Sd meeting, Given under our hands and Seal at Southborough this 22 day of August in the year of our Lord 1794

Elijah Brigham
Mark Collins Jr
Jona Champney
Abner Parker
Trowbridge Taylor
} Selectmen of Southborough

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Sept Warrant return, and Meeting

Worcester ſs Southborough September 8th 1794

Purſuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of sd Town Qualified as therein expreſsed to meet at the time and place and for the purpoſes within mentioned

Ezra Taylor Constable

Southborough Sept 8th 1794

The Town met agreable to the forgoing warrant and proceeded to act as follows Viz.

1st artl Choſe Elijah Brigham Moderator for sd meeting

2d artl Paſsd over finally

3d artl minnuet men matter Voted to make an adition of six dollars pr month to each Soldier in adition to what Congreſs have granted provided they have to march Alſo one dollar bounty to be paid on the day they inlist and one dollar on the day they paſs muster, To be aſseſsed on the poles and Ratable Estates within the Town

4th artl Wido Fuller wood Voted to grant six Cords of wood to the Wido Fuller the Preſent year. Sd wood to be four feet Long sd wood set up and struck of to Josiah Fogen at 7/0 pr Cord, Choſe Robert Fay to inspect the wood

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday next four o Clock PM to meet at this place

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Southborough Sept 15th 1794

The Town met agreable to the adjournment and proceeded to act as follows Viz.

3d artl Voted that thoſe men that [illegible] are drafted Receive the same pay from the Town as thoſe that inlist

Voted that the Treaſurer be directed to procure money to pay the bounty Voted by the Town to thoſe Soldiers that have inlisted or shall inlist or be drafted

Then Voted to diſsolve this meeting

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

Page 391 Worcester ss To Elisha Johnson Constable for Southborough Greeting

(81) In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required forthwith to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of sd Town Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs to meet at the meeting house in sd Town on Monday the 8th day of Septr Instant at five of the Clock afternoon then and there to act on the following articles Viz

1st To Chuse a Moderator for sd Meeting

2dly For the Town to appoint some persons to take a Survey of sd Town agreable to a Resolve of the general Court passd the 26th day of June Last or pass any Vote or Votes Respecting the same as the Town think best when mete

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to us on or before the Time appointed for holding sd meeting, Given under our hands and seal at Southborough this first day of Septr in the year of our Lord 1794

Elijah Brigham
Mark Collins Jr
Jona Champney
Abner Parker
Trowbridge Taylor

Selectmen of Southboro

I have Executed the within writen warrant by Posting a Coppy of the same
Elisha Johnson Constable
Septr 6th 1794

Southborough Septr 8th 1794
The Town met agreable to the forgoing warrant and proceded to act as follows Viz

1st Chose Elijah Brigham Moderator for sd meeting

2dly Voted to Chuse a Committee of three persons to take a Survey of sd Town, Then Chose Nathan Bridges Trowbridge Taylor and Elijah Brigham for sd Committee — Then Voted to dissolve this meeting

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

To Ezra Taylor Conſtable for Southborough Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſett you are required to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Sd Town Quallifide by Law to Vote for Repreſentative to the Congreſs of the United States of America To meet at the meeting House in Sd Town on Monday the 3 day of Novr next at two of the Clock in the afternoon then and there to bring in their Votes for some perſon to Repreſent the Second Middle district in the Congreſs of the United States of America, agreable to an act of the General Court of this Commonwealth,
Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us on or before the time appointed for holding Sd meeting, Given under our hands and Seal at Southboro this twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord 1794

Elijah Brigham
Mark Collins Jr
Jona Champney
Abner Parker
Trowbridge Taylor
Selectmen of Southborough

Worcester ſs
Novr 3d 1794
Purſuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town Southborough qualified as therein expreſsed to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned
Ezra Taylor Conſtable

Southborough Novr 3d 1794
The Town agreable to the foregoing warrant and proceeded to bring in their Votes which were as follows Viza
For the Honl Elbridge Gerry — 37 Votes
For the Honl Saml Dexter Jr — 1 Vote
Then Voted to diſsolve this meeting —
Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

January Warrant

Worcester ss To Elisha Johnson Constable for Southb ough Greeting

(11) In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required forthwith to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Sd. Town Qualified to Vote for a Representative to the Congreſs of the United States of America, To meet at the meeting House in Sd Town on Monday the twelfth day of January next at one of the Clock afternoon, then and there to bring in their Votes for some person to Represent the Second Middle district of this Commonwealth, in the Congreſs of the United State of America, agreable to an act of this Commonwealth Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and your doings thereon to us on or before the time appointed for holding Sd meeting. Given under our hands and Seal at Southbro this 31st day of Decr. in the year of Our Lord 1794

Worcester ss.
anuary 12th 1795
I have Executed the within warrant by posting a Coppy of the Same
Elisha Johnson Constable for Southbr.o

Elijah Brigham
Mark Collins Jr
Jon.a Champney
Trow.b Taylor
Abner Parker
Selectmen of Southbr.o

Southborough Jan.y 12th 1795
The Town met agreable to the forgoing warrant and proceeded to act as follows Viz. Brought in their Votes for the following persons

For the Hon.l Sam.l Dexter Jr	37 Votes
For the Hon.l Joseph B Varnum	3 Votes

Then Voted to Dissolve this meeting

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerke

These Certify that we have Assessed the poles and Estates [illegible] paye within the Town of Southborough in the Sum of Sixty pounds in 394 two Lists of Assessments and Committed the Same to the Constable and Collector of Sd Town Viz To Elisha Johnson Constable a List of thirty four pounds two Shillings & Six pence and one other to Nathan Bridges Jr of Twenty five pounds Seventeen & Six pence. with warrants in due form of Law for Collecting and paying in the Same to Mark Collins Jr Treasurer or his Successor in Office

To the Selectmen of Southborough) Southborough Febry 18th 1795

Solomon Newton)
Mark Collins Jr) Assessors
Ezra Taylor)

Southborough Febry 23 1795

Recd and Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

These Certify that we have Assessed the Polls & Estates within the Town of Southborough in the Sum of one Hundred & fifty pounds, agreable to the Votes of Sd Town. And Committed the same in two Lists of Assessments to Elisha Johnson & Nathan Bridges Jr Constable & Collector for Sd Town, With warrants in due form of Law for Collecting & paying in the Same to Mark Collins Jr Treasurer or his Successor in Office on or before the last day of Decr next

Southborough October 7th 1794

To the Selectmen of Southborough

Solomon Newton)
Mark Collins Jr) Assessors
Ezra Taylor)

Recd and Recorded by
Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

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At a meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Southborough
for the year 1794, Met February 23d 1795 To Settle with the
Treasurer Mr Mark Collins &c And he being Examined
we found him Chargeable with the Sum of £ 388: 18: 11:
And he produced Vouchers that he hes paid
the Sum of — 223: 2: 3:
And he is Still Chargable with the Sum of 165: 16: 7: 3
And there is Still in the Constables hands
and in notes and accounts the Sums
hearafter mentioned Viz —
In the Constables hands — 188: 17: 2: 3
In notes and accounts — 60: 14: 6: 0
£ 249: 11: 8: 3
165: 16: 7: 3
And it appears that Treasurer Collins
hes paid more than he hes Recd the Sum of £ 83: 15: 1: 0

Elijah Brigham
Trowbridge Taylor
Abner Parker
Selectmen of Southborough

Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

Worcester Ss To Elisha Johnson Constable for Southborough
Greeting —
㉕ In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are
Required forthwith to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants
of Sd Town Quallified by Law to Vote in Town affairs, to meet
at the Meeting House in Sd Town on Monday the Second day of
March next at twelve O'Clock at noon then and there to —
act on the following articles Viz —

1st To Chuse a Moderator for Sd Meeting —
2dly For the Town to make Choice of Town officers for the
year Ensuing as the Law directs —
3dly For the Town to Chuse some person to Inspect the killing of
deer Contrary to Law —
4thly To Chuse Graveediggers Pound keeper, and some person to Sweep
Lock and unlock the meeting House the year Ensuing —
5thly For the Town to agree upon and grant a Sum of Money to
Repair high-ways the year Ensuing and State the price of Labor
done on the Same, And pass any Vote or Votes Respecting
the Same as the Town thinks best when met —
6thly For the Town to agree upon and grant a Sum of Money to
hire a School Master the year Ensuing. And pass any
Vote or Votes Respecting Schools as the Town thinks best when
met —

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7^ly For the Town to grant a Sum of money to pay Town
debts the year Ensuing, Or pass any Vote or Votes Respecting
the Same as the Town think best when met

8^ly For the Town to allow Town debts to those to whome they are
Justly Indebted

9^ly For the Town to determin whither their Swine Shall run
at Large the year Ensuing

10^ly For the Town to determin what method they will take for
the Support of their poor the year Ensuing Or pass any Vote
or Votes Respecting the Same as the Town think best when met

11^ly To See if the Town will Lease the Town way leading from Mark
Collins Jr to the Country Road on Matheas hill so Cald Or pass
any Vote or Votes Respecting the Same as the Town think best
when met

12^ly To See if the Town will Shut up the Town way leading from
Peter Brewers Gate out to the Road by the House of the Wid^o Salter
and make the Same a bridle way. And lease the Same to Joseph Wetherbee
during the Towns pleasure Or pass any Vote or Votes Respecting the
Same as the Town think best when met

13^ly To See if the Town will discontinue the Town way leading from
the County road across to the Town way by Luther Stones, and
Sell the Same to Sd Stone Or pass any Vote or Votes Respecting
the Same as the Town thinks best when met

14^ly To See if the Town will make any addition to their School
houses, Or pass any Vote or Votes Respecting the Same as the
Town thinks best when met

15 To See if the Town will discontinue the Town way Cald Rabbit
Swamp Road, and make the Same a bridle way, and lease the Same
to any one that shall apply, Or pass any Vote or Votes respecting
the Same as the Town thinks best when met

16^ly For the Town to hear the request of Ebr. Dunlon of Gerry &
act thereon as the Town think best when met

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings
thereon to us on or before the time appointed for holding Sd meeting
Given under Our hands and Seal at Southborough this 16^th day
Of February in the year of Our Lord 1795

Elijah Brigham
Mark Collins Jr
Jon^a Champney
Trowbridge Taylor
Abner Parker
} Selectmen Of Southbr^o

Worcester ss. Pursuant to a
Warrant Received from the
Selectmen of the Town of
Southbr^o, I have notified
and warnd all the freeholders
and other Inhabitants of Sd Town
Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at time and place
therein mentioned by posting a Copy of Sd warrant

pr me Elisha Johnson } Constable for Southbr^o

March 2^d 1795

Southborough March ye 2d 1795—

The Town met agreable to the forgoing warrant and proceeded to act as follows Viz—

1st Chose Elijah Brigham Moderator for Sd. Meeting,

2 art Chose the following Town Officers for the year Ensuing

Town Clerk } Trowbridge Taylor

Selectmen } Elijah Brigham, Mark Collins Jr
Abner Parker Trowbridge Taylor
Lemuel Chamberlain

Town Treasurer Mark Collins Jr

Assessors } Mark Collins Jr Ezra Taylor Jer.m Newton

Collector } Elisha Bemis Jr

Constable } Nathan Bridges Jr accepted by the Town in the rome and stead of Mark Collins Jr he being accountable to the Town for all the Collections Committed to Sd Bridges to Collect

Surveyors of Highways } Jeremiah Newton Center } Squadron
Charles Angier East End } Do.
Abel Chamberlain South Side } Do
Hezekiah Fay West End } Do

Overseers of the poor } Ezra Newton
Nathan Fay
Wm. Herrington

Field drivers } Luther Stone
Wm. Taylor

Sealler of Leather } Zach.r Robertson

Fence Viewers } Wm Stow
Josiah Tozer

Surveyor of Lumber } Nathan Bridges

Tything men } Heze.h Fay Jr
Benja Collins

Surveyor of Hemp, } Asahel Mathews

Hogreaves } Jona Peirce
Sam.l Brigham
Lem.l Chamberlain

All the persons of whome an oath ~~to~~ required were sworn to the faithfull discharge of their office

3 art Deer Reefs Benja. Parker

4 art Gravediggers Ebn.r Bellows Eli. Bruce

Sol.m Este Chosen to Sweep Lock and Unlock the Meeting House the year Ensuing—

George Brigham Chosen Pound keeper the year Ensuing

March Meeting Continued

5th art.e Highway — Granted Eighty pounds to repair high ways the year Ensuing, And Stated the price of Labour at 3/0 pr day Eight Hours to be a days worke

6th art.e School grant £60:0:0 Other matters Respecting Schools — Voted to grant the Sum of Sixty pounds to hire a School master the year Ensuing to be Equally divided betwixt the Squadrons &c to be assesed on the Poals and Estates within the Town

Voted to grant twenty Cords of Wood for the Schools Houses to be Equaly divided betwixt the Squadrons

Voted to Set the wood up to the Lowest bidder, Set up and Struk of to the persons hearafter named

Center	John Collins	7/4	Solm. Estes	Inspectors
East End	Mark Collins Jr	7/4	Asa Fay	
South Side	D.to	6/7	John Ritchards	
West End	Elijah Brigham	6/6	John Johnson	

School Committee — Abner Parker, Robert Fay Jr, Phin.s Bemis, John Johnson

7th art.le Town grant — Voted to grant the Sum of £40 to pay Town debts the year Ensuing — to be assesed on the Poals & Estates within the Town

8th art.le Town debts granted

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Sol.m Estes	0	15	0
Mark Collins Jr	2	1	0
D.to	1	16	0
Solm Newton	2	4	0
Ezra Taylor	2	15	6
D.to	1	19	0
Lydia Newton	0	6	0
Robert Fay	0	15	0
Martha Estes	0	6	4½
Jon.a Peirce	0	11	6
Uriel Montague	0	12	6

9th art.le Voted to Let their Swine run at large the year Ensuing

Voted to adjourn this meeting till to morrow 3d day of March Inst at one OClock P.M to meet at this place

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Southborough March 3d 1795 The Town met agreeable to adjournment and proceeded on the Remaining business of Sd meeting

10th art.le Poor sold — Voted to Set up their poor to the Lowest bidder They accordingly were Set up and Struk to the persons hearafter named &

Andrew Newton Struk of to Reuben Fay at — 5/11 pr week
Hannah Amsden Struk of to Mark Collins at 3/6 pr week
Wid.o Salter Struke of to John Collins at 5/0 pr week
Tim.y Peirce Set up to the Highest bidder and Struk of to Jon.a Champney for £8:8:0 for one year

Voted that the Overseers Sell those things that are not needed belonging to the poor of Sd Town

Voted to provide a bedtick for Hannah Amsdens bed

11th art. Voted to Leaſe ſd Road to the highest bidder for one year. Set up and Struck of to Mark Collins Jr for 18/0

12th art. Paſsd in the Negative

13th art. Paſsd in the Negative

14th art. Paſsd in the Negative

15th art. Paſsd in the Negative

16th art. Dunton's grant. Voted to direct the Treaſurer to pay to Ebn.r Dunton the sum of 1:10:0 it being for money ſd Dunton paid for a Cow that was his brothers

On the third day the Town Voted to adjourn the meeting to Major Banisters to meet at Six O Clock, E Brigham Moderator

Six O Clock the Town met agreeable to adjournment and proceeded to the Sale of the poor and School wood as Recorded above

Then Voted to adjourn the meeting to the 11th day at the meeting Houſe in ſd Town at two O Clocke P.M.

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

March ye 11th 1795

The Town met agreeable to adjournment and proceeded to act on the 2d 8th & 10th arts as Recorded Above

Then Voted to diſsolve this meeting

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

㉑ Worcester ſs To Nathan Bridges Jr Constable for Southborough Greeting In the name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſetts you are Required forthwith to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of ſd Town (Qualified by Law to Vote for a Repreſentative to the General Court of this Commonwealth) To meet at the meeting house in ſd Town on Monday the 23d day of March Inst at one O Clock P.M. then & there to bring in their Votes for Some person to Represent the Second middle district of this Commonwealth in the Congreſs of the United States of America. Also warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of ſd Town Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at time and place above said then and there to act on the following articles Viz,

1st To Chuſe a Moderator for ſd Meeting

2ly For the Town to hear the Request of the Wido Moor and act thereon as the Town think best when met

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us on or before the time appointed for holding ſd meeting given under our hands and seal at Southborough this 11th day of March in the year of our Lord 1795

Elijah Brigham, Abner Parker, Lemuel Chamberlain, Mark Collins Jr, Trowbridge Taylor } Selectmen of Southborough

Southborough March 23^d 1795,

The Town met agreeable to the forgoing warrant and proceed to act as follows Viz —

Voted to pass to that part of the warrant that Respects Town affairs —

1stly Chose Ezra Taylor Moderator for that part of s^d meeting

2ly Voted to grant one Cord and a half of wood to the Wid^o Abigail Moor to be delivered half a Cord at a time

Then Voted to disolve that part of s^d meeting

Ezra Taylor Moderator

The Town then proceeded to bring in their Votes for a Representative agreable to the first part of s^d warrant which were as follows Viz —

For the Hon^e Sam^l Dexter	18,	Votes
For the Hon^e Ja^s B Vernum	24	Votes

Then Voted to disolve s^d meeting

Recorded By Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

Charges of the Town for the year 1795 —

Burying place — The yard at the Bur^d let to Aaron Eager for one year for 18 Shillings he Engaging to keep up the fences all the year and mow the bushes		18:0
Rogers Note Chargable against the Treasurer		£6:14:2
Peter Fay's Note for Tim^o Pierces wages		6:0:0
A fine Rec^d of Esq^r Flagg which he took of John Johnson Jr for profane Swearing		0:7:0
County Road Certificate	223:34	67:0:0
Town Tax Certificate	868:24	260:8:10
		3[illegible]:8:0

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Worcester ss To Nathan Bridges Jr Constable for Southborough Greeting —

(L.S.) In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are Required to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Sd Town Qualified by Law to Vote for Govr, Lt Govr and Senators) to meet at the meeting house in Sd Town on Monday the Sixth day of April next at one of the Clock Afternoon then and there to bring in their Votes for Govr Lt Govr and Senators — agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth. Also warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Sd Town Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs to meet at time and place above said, then and there to act on the following articles Vizt —

1st To Chuse a Moderator for the Remaining business of Sd meeting —

2dly For the Town to hear a Petition of a number of persons to have a Town way laid out from Reuben Fays to Joshua Fishers and act thereon as the Town think best when met —

3dly For the Town to hear the Report of the Selectmen Respecting the Road leading from David Newtons to Abel Chamberlains, and act thereon as the Town think best when met or pass any Vote or Votes Respecting the Same —

4thly For the Town to hear the Request of Solm Newton & others to have a School House built in the North-part of Sd Town, Or pass any Vote or Votes Respecting Schoolhouses or Schools as the Town think best when met

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us on or before the time appointed for holding Sd meeting, Given under our hands and Seal at Southborough this 23d day of March in the year of our Lord 1795,

Elijah Brigham
Mark Collins Jr
Abner Parker
Lem.l Chamberlain
Trowbridge Taylor
Selectmen Of Southborough

Worcester ss Southbo: April 6th 1795 Agreeable to a warrant I received from the Selectmen of Southbo: I have Notified and warned the Inhabitants of Sd Town Qualified as therein Expressed to meet at time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned

Nathan Bridges Jr constable

Southborough April ye 6th 1795

The Town met agreeable to the forgoing warrant & proceeded to act as follows Viz Brought in their Votes for Govr Lt Govr & Senators which were as follows

For Govr	His Exclr Saml Adams	31	Votes
	Honl Benja Lincoln Esqr	8	do
	Honl Saml Phillips	1	dto
	Honl Elbridge Gerry	1	dto
Lt Govr	Hol Benja Lincoln	18	Votes
	Hon Moses Gill	19	dto
First Senator	Hol Salem Town	17	Votes
	Honl Saml Baker	13	dto
Second Senator	Honl Salem Town	6	Votes
	Ho Saml Baker	2	dto
	Honl Daniel Biglow	3	
	Elijah Brigham Esqr	11	
	Elijah Brigham	3	
	Honl Josiah Stearns	2	
Third Senator	Honl Daniel Biglow	14	Votes
	Hon Josiah Stearns	5	
	Elijah Brigham Esqr	5	
	Benja Reed Esqr	2	
Fourth Senator	Honl Josiah Stearnes	13	Votes
	Elijah Brigham Esqr	2	
	Honl Daniel Biglow	5	
	Timy Whiting Esqr	6	
Fifth Senator	Ho Josiah Stearnes	5	Votes
	Elijah Brigham Esqr	8	
	Ho Daniel Biglow	3	
	Timy Whiting Esqr	4	
	Elijah Brigham	2	

The Town then proceeded to the business of the meeting Respecting Town affairs

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1st art. Chose Charles Angier Moderator for S.d meeting

2d art. Pass.d over finally

3d art. Voted to Chuse a Committee of three persons Chose Nathan Bridges Ezra Taylor Sol.m Newton S.d Committee to search into the matter respecting S.d road and make report to the Selectmen by the first of May S.d Committee reported that they could find nothing on the Records respecting S.d road. The Town at the adjournment of the meeting Voted to accept of the Report of the Selectmen Respecting the Road by them Layid out

Brakeneck hill road

4th art. Pass.d over finally

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to the Sixth day of May next to meet at this place at four o'Clock attest Charles Angier Moderator

May 6 1795

The Town met agreable to the adjournment and proceeded to act on the third article as recorded above

Then Voted to dissolve this meeting
Attest Charles Angier Moderator

Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

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Damage to	Mr David Newton	£ 3:7:0
Ditto To	Mr Abner Ward	17:10:0
Ditto To	Mr David Temple	2:2:0
Ditto To	Mr Wm Oalhanke	2:10:0
		£25:9:0

Southborough May 25, 1795

Lawson Buckminster
Josiah Temple
Daniel Chamberlain
} Committee

We the Subscribers Selectmen of Southborough being Requested to view the road leading from David Newtons to Abel Chamberlains over braknek hill so Call'd (for the purpose of makeing an alteration in Sd road) have attended that business and have viewed the road over Sd hill, and also the proposed alteration, And we are of the oppinion that Sd alteration ought to be made, We have therefore Laid out a Town way bounded as follows Viz — Begining at the road near the house ownd by Josiah Bridges at a Stake and stones being the Corner bounds betwixt Wm Onthank & Abner Ward, thence acrost Sd Onthanks land Notherly 21 rods to a tree with Stones by the same. Thence Notherly 14 rods to an other Tree and stones, near the fence betwixt Sd Onthank and Ward, Thence Notherly acrost Sd Wards Land 11 rods to a heap of Stones, Thence North Easterly 16 1/2 rods to a heap of Stones, Thence Northeasterly 13 1/2 rods to the Corner of David Tempels wall, Thence acrost ~~[illegible]~~ the Corner of Sd Temples Land angling as the wall now stands 8 rods to an other Corner of Sd Temples wall to a tree mark'd Thence acrost Abner Wards land Northwesterly 18 rods to a Stake and stones by Sd Temples wall, Thence as the wall now stands 31, rods to an Old stump and stones at the Corner of the wall, Thence as the wall now stands 9 rods to the Town way leading from Abner Wards to the road by David Newtons, The afforesaid bounds to be the Easterly side of Sd way, Said way to be two rods wide from the bounds first mentioned to the Old Stump and stones last mentioned 9 rods from the road. From thence (for the conveniance of persons that come Each way to turn into Sd way) We propose to have Sd way grow wider gradually from two rods till it comes to 9 rods wide at the old Town way leading from Abner wards aforesaid, —

We have also agreed with the parties to Leave the matter respecting the damage to a Committee of three persons Viz — Lawson Buckminster & Josiah Temple of Framingham and Daniel Chamberlain of Westborough

May the 6, 1795 — Elijah Brigham Mark Collins Jr Abner Parker Trowbridge Taylor Lem.l Chamberlain Selectmen of Southborough —

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We the Subscribers being mutually Chosen by the Selectmen of Southborough on the one part & Lt Wm Onthank, Mr Abner Ward Mr David Temple & Mr David Newton on the other, To estimate the damage to each of the above named persons occationed by laying out a town Road through each of their Respective Lands agreeable to a Return made by Selectmen of Sd Southbro, and accepted by the Town. — We have attended Sd business & have Considered the reasons on both sides and report as follows Viz — Remainder see preceding page —

page 405 Worcester ss May Warrant &c

To Nathan Bridges Jr Constable for Southborough

Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusett
you are Required forthwith to warn all the freeholde
and other Inhabitant of S.d Town Qualified by Law
to Vote for a Representative to the General Cour
of this Commonwealth. To meet at the Meeting hous
in Sd Town on Wednesday the Sixth day of May next
at two of the Clock afternoon. then and there to brin
in their Votes for Some person to Represent the Town of Sou
thborough in the General Court of this Commonwealth
the year Ensuing

Also warn all the Qualified Voters in Sd. Town
to meet at Time and place aforesaid then and
there to determin by Vote for or against the Revisio
of the Constitution of this Commonwealth Agreeable
to a precept from the General Court for that purpose

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with
your doings thereon to us on or before the time appointed
for holding Sd meeting Given under our hands and
Seal at Southborough this 24th day of April in the year
of Our Lord, 1795

Elijah Brigham
Mark Collins Jr
Abner Parker
Trowbridge Taylor
Lem.l Chamberlain
Selectmen of Southbor.o

Worcester ss
agreeable to a warrant I Rec.d from the Selectmen of Southbr.o I have notified and warned all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Sd Town Qualified by Law to Vote for a Representative to meet at time and place above named I also warned all the Qualified Voters in Sd Town to meet at time and place for the purpose therein named, May 6 1795
Nathan Bridges Jr Constable

May 6 1795

The Town met agreeable to the forgoing warrant and proceded to act as follows Viz

Chose Elijah Brigham Representative for the year Ensuing

Votes Respecting the Constitution were as follow

Viz,
For the Revision — 35 Vote
Against the Revision. 20. Vote

Then Voted to dissolve this Meeting

Elijah Brigham President

Recorded by = Trowbridge Taylor Town Cler

Worcester ſs August Meeting ~~Warrant~~ page 106

To Nathan Bridges Jr Constable for Southboro,
Greeting
In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts
you are required forthwith to warn all the freeholders
and other Inhabitants of Sd Town Qualified by Law
to Vote in Town affairs, to meet at the meeting house
in Sd Town on Monday ye 24th day of August Inst at
3 O Clock afternoon then and there to act on the
following articles Viz

1st To Chuse a Moderator for Sd Meeting

2dly For the Town to grant a Sum of Money sufficent
to make the new County Road over Brighams hill
Or paſs any Vote or Votes Respecting the Same as the
Town thinke best when mete

3dly For the Town to grant a Sum of Money Suffcent to pay
Town debts

4th For the Town to allow Town debts to those to whome they
are justley indebted

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your
doings thereon to us on or before the time appointed for
holding Sd meeting, Given under Our hands and Seals
at Southborough this tenth day of August in the year
of Our Lord 1795.

Elijah Brigham
Mark Collins Jr
Abner Parker
Trowbridge Taylor
Lem.l Chamberlain

Selectmen of
Southborough

Worcester ſs
Agreable to the within warrant I have notified and
warned the Inhabitants of Sd Town Qualified as therein
Expreſsd to meet at the time and the place and for the
purposes therein mentioned

Southbro August 22, 1795 Nathan Bridges Jr
Constable

page 407 August Meeting — Southbro. August 24, 1795

The Town met agreeable to the foregoing warrant and proceeded to act as follows Vize.

1st Choſe Elijah Brigham Moderator for Sd Meeting

2d art. Voted to set the Road up to the Lowest bidder.

Voted to chuse a Committee to inspect the matter respecting Sd Road to final Issue Sd Road to be made to acceptance of Sd Committee.

Voted to Chuse the Selectmen for Sd Committee

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first day of Septr next at two O Clock P.M. to meet at this place

Attest — Elijah Brigham Moderator

Septr 1st 1795 The Town met agreeable to adjournment and proceeded to act as follows Vize

2d art. Voted that any perſon that shall undertake to make the new County road shall have Liberty to improve the west End School house, till Sd houſe is wanted for a School they being accountable for all damage they shall do to Sd houſe

Road Matters

Voted that Sd Road be compleated by the 20th day of Novr next

Voted that the perſons that undertake Sd road be obliged to keep up the fence at each End Elisha Johnſon finding fencing stuff for the same

Voted to set up the whole of Sd road at one Lot

Voted to adjourn the Vendue to Majr Baniſters, Sd Vendue being opened again the road was Struk of to Thos Bemis for Sixty Seven pounds, the money to be paid when the road is compleated —

Voted to grant the sum of Sixty Seven pounds for the purpoſe of Makeing the new County road to be Aſseſsed on polls and estates within the Town

3d art. Voted to grant the sum of Sixty pounds to pay Town Debts to be Aſseſsed on the Polls and Estates within the Towne

Town grant

4th art.		£
	Granted to Elijah Brigham —	1:13:0
	Granted to Nathan Bridges —	3:8:6
	Granted to Trowbridge Taylor —	1:1:0

Voted to adjourn to Majr Baniſters

The Town met agreeable to adjournment and proceeded to act on the 2d art. as recorded above

Then Voted to diſsolve this meeting

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Trowb. Taylor Town Clerke

To Nathan Bridges Jr Constable Southborough Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are Required forthwith to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Sd Town, Qualified by Law to Vote in town affairs. to meet at the meeting house in Sd Town on Monday the 24th day of August Inst at five O'Clock afternoon then and there to act on the following articles Viz

1st To Chuse a Moderator for Sd Meeting

2d For the Town to appoint some person or persons to Erect Guide posts within the Town, agreeable to an act of the General Court for that purpose Or pass any Vote or Votes Respecting the Same as the Town think best when met

3d For the Town to appoint some person to provide Camp Kittels for the Militia Company in Sd Town or pass any Vote or Votes Respecting the same as the Town think best when met,

4th For the Town to hear the Request of the Overseers of Sd Town Respecting a Citation served on them Requesting them to appear before a Justice of the peace for this County and shew cause why the family of Levi Dunton should not be brought to Sd Town, And for the Town to pass any Vote or Votes Respecting the same as the Town think best when met

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us on or before the time appointed for holding Sd meeting Given under our hands and seal at Southborough this 19th day of August in the year of Our Lord 1795

Worcester ss August 22d 1795 Agreeable to the within warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of Sd Town Qualified as therein expressed to meet at time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned

Elijah Brigham
Mark Collins Jr
Abner Parker
Trowbridge Taylor
Leml Chamberlain
Selectmen of Southboro

Nathan Bridges Jr Constable

page 404 August Meeting; August "24" 1795

The Town met agreeable to the foregoing warrant and
Proceeded to act as follows Viz
1st Choſe Elijah Brigham Moderator for S.d Meeting
2dly Voted to Chuse a Committee of three persons to Erect
Guide posts guide posts within S.d Town. Choſe Ezra Taylor
Elisha Fay Nathan Bridges, for Sd Committee
3ard Choſe Timothy Bellows to provide Camp kettles
C; Kettles for the Millitia Company in S.d Towne
4thly Voted to leave the Matter Respecting Duntons
Duntons family family to the Overseers
Then Voted to dissolve this meeting
Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator
Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

Worcester ss To Nathan Bridges Jr Constable for
Southborough Greeting
L.S In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you
are required forthwith to warn the freeholders and other
Inhabitants of Sd Town, Qualified by Law to Vote in Town
affairs, to meet at the meeting House in Sd Town on
Monday ye 5th day of October next at two of the Clock
afternoon then and there to act on the following articles
1st To Chuse a Moderator for Sd Meeting
2dly To see if the Town will discontinue and make sale of
the Road leading from the top of Brighams hill (where
the new County road turns out of Sd road) down to
the road leading from Elijah Brighams to Wm
Brighams Or pass any Vote or Votes Respecting
the same as the Town think best when met
3dly For the Town to hear the request of Esqr Newton
Respecting some wood Carried to the Center Squadron
which was not inspected
4thly For the Town to hear the request of Elisha Fay
Respecting makeing him some further allow-
-ance for the damage done by the new County road
or pass any Vote or Votes respecting the same as
the Town think best when met

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Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and your doings thereon to us on or before the time appointed for holding Sd Meeting Given under our hands & seal at Southborough this 28th day of Sept.r in the year of Our Lord 1795

Elijah Brigham } Selectmen of
Mark Collins Jr
Abner Parker } Southborough
Trow.b Taylor
Lem.l Chamberlain

Agreeable to the within warrant I have duly notified the Inhabitants of Sd Town Quallified as within mentioned to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned

Southborough October 5th 1795
Nathan Bridges Constable

Southborough October 15th 1795.

The Town met agreeable to the forgoing warrant and proceeded to act as follows. Viz —

1st Choſe Mark Collins Jr Moderator for Sd meeting

2dly Voted to diſcontinue and make Sale of Sd
Road sold Road to the highest bidder — then proceeded to set up Sd road and it was struck of to Abel Chamberlain for — £ 8: 3: 0
Money to be paid by the first day of March next

3d artle Paſsd over finally —

4th artle Voted to grant in addition (to what the Comt
grant to Elisha Johnson Committee aſseſsed Sd damages at) the sum of £8: 3: 0 Sd Johnſon agreed to accept of same in full Satiſfaction for the damage he had received —

Then Voted to diſsolve this meeting —

Attest Mark Collins Jr , Moderator,

Recorded by Trow.b Taylor Town Clerk

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These Certify that we have Assessed the Polls and Estat
of the Town of Southborough, in the Sum of 223, dol. &
34 Cents being the Grant made by Sd Town to mak
the new County Road, and have Committed the
Same to the Constable and Collector of said Town
with warrants in due form of Law. for Collecting &
paying in the same to Mark Collins Jr Treasurer
or his Successor in Office on or before the 20th day of
Novr next; Given under our hands at Southboro
the 18th day of September A.D. 1795

To the Selectmen of Southborough

Mark Collins Jr
Ezra Taylor
Jeremiah Newton
Assessors

These Certify that we have Assessed the Polls and Estates within the Town of Southborough in the Sum of Eight Hundred & Sixty Eight Dollars & fourte Cents, And have Committed the same to the Constab and Collector of said Town in two Lists of Assessmen with warrants in due form of Law for Collecting & paying in the same to Mark Collins Jr Treasurer or his Successor in said Office on or before the first day of December next

Given under our hands at Southborough the 30th day of September Dom 1795

The Selectmen of Southborough

Mark Collins Jr
Ezra Taylor
Jeremiah Newton
Assessors

Received & Recorded by Jacob Taylor Town Cler

At a meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Southborough to Settle with Mark Collins Sr Treasurer for Sd Town; Met March ye 4th 1796 —
And he being Examined we found him Chargeable with the Sum of — 591:17:8
And he produced Vouchers that he has paid the Sum of — 449:8:6
Ballance 142:9:2

And there is Still in the Constables hands and in Notes and Accounts the Sums hereafter mentiond (Whitch the Treasurer is Chargeable with) Viz
In the Constables hands — 188:15:1
In Notes and Accounts — 058:5:10
Total 247:0:11
Ballance brought down 142:9:2
104:11:9

And it appears that Treasurer Collins has paid 104:11:9 more than he has Received —

Elijah Brigham
Abner Parker
Trowb Taylor
Lem Chamberlin
Selectmen of Southborough

Southborough March 11th 1796
This Certifies that the Selectmen of Sd Town have transferr'd the papers from the late Treasurer Collins to Capt Taylor the present Treasurer, and Sd Taylor is Chargeable with the Sum of Eight Hundred & nine dollars Fifty three Cents — 809:53 Cents
Champneys Note 27 Dollars — 27:00
Rates Recd of Daniel Newton — 7:38
Note against Jonas Ball on the Lydia Amsden Matters, 26 25
Burying place and yard at the north End 2—0
Road let to John Johnson — 2—83
874—99

page 413 Worcester ss To Nathan Bridges Jr Constable for Southborough Greeting

E: In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are required forthwith to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Sd Town (Qualified by La to Vote in Town affairs) To meet at the Meeting House in Sd Town on Monday the Seventh day of March next, at twelve O'Clock at noon then and there to act on the following articles Viz

1st To Chuse a Moderator for Sd Meeting

2dly For the Town to make Choice of Town officers for the year Ensuing as the Law directs

3dly To Chuse some persons for grave diggers; Also a pound keeper, and some person to Sweep, Lock and unlock the meeting house the year Ensuin

4thly For the Town to agree upon and grant a Sum of Money to repair highways the year Ensuing and state the price of Labour done on the Same the Or pass any Vote or Votes as they think best when met,

5thly For the Town to agree upon and grant a Sum of Money to hire a School Master the year Ensuing Or pass any Vote or Votes Respecting Schools or School Houses as the Town think best when met &c

6thly For the Town to agree upon and and grant a Sum of Money to pay Town debts the year Ensuing or pass any Vote or Votes Respecting the same as the Town think best when met &c

7thly For the Town to allow Town debts to those to whom they are Justly Indebted

8thly For the Town to determin whether their Swine shall run at Large the year Ensuing

9thly For the Town to determin what method they will take for the support of their poor the year Ensuing Or pass any Vote or Votes Respecting the sam as the Town think best when met &c

10thly To see if the Town will discontinue the road leading from David woods's out to the road leading from Southborough meeting house towards Marlborough. Or pass any Vote or Votes respecting the same as the Town think best when met &c

11th For the Town to hear the Request of Saml Hudson Respecting making an alteration in the Town way Leading from Heman Fays by Sd Hudsons house Or pass any Vote or Votes Respecting the same as the Town think best when met —

12th To see if the Town will Lease the Town way Leading from Mark Collins Front to the Top of Brighams Hill so Cald. Or pass any Vote or Votes respecting the same as the Town think best when met —

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us on or before the time appointed for holding Sd meeting. Given under our hands and Seal at Southborough this 19th day of February in the year of our Lord 1796

Mark Collins Jr
Abner Parker
Trowbridge Taylor
Lem Chamberlain
Selectmen of Southborough

Worcester Ss
Agreeable to the within warrant I have Notified and warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Sd Town to meet at time and place and for the purpose therein mentioned —
Southbro March 7th 1796
Nathan Bridges Jr Constable

Proceeding on Sd warrant see next page

Road from Heman Fays to John Amsdens.

We the Subscribers having viewed the road Leading from Heman Fays to John Amsdens agreeable to the Request of Saml Hudson beg leave to report as follows Viz We Judge it Convenient to alter the above said road as follows, first begining at a Cherry tree the westerly side of the brook that runs a little east of Sd Hudsons house, Extending west 14 rods to the first appletree East of Sd Hudsons barn from thence westerly 35 rods to a Stake and stones on the East side of the road Leading from the meeting house to the above said Amsdens The above bounds to be the north side of Sd Road, Sd way to be two Rods wide —

Southbro Feby 29th 1796

Elijah Brigham
Mark Collins Jr
Abner Parker
Lem Chamberlain
Selectmen of Southbro

Southborough March Meeting on the 7th 1796

The Town met agreeable to the forgoing warrant and proceded to act as follows Viz.

1st Chose Elijah Brigham Moderator for Sd meetin

2d artl Chose the following Officers for the year Ensuing

Town Clerk Trowbridge Taylor

Selectmen
Elijah Brigham
Trowbridge Taylor
Abner Parker
Leml Chamberlain
Timothy Bellows

Town Treasurer Ezra Taylor

Assessors
Mark Collins Jr
Ezra Taylor
Jeremiah Newton

Constables East End: Chose Col Thomas Nixon, then Voted to accept of Jonas Ball Jr in his rome and stead Jonathan Champney Reuben Fay & Jon.a Peirce all of Southborough engageing to be accountible to the Town for all the assessments committed to Sd Ball to Collecte,

West End, Chose Isaac Morse then Voted to accept of Willard Newton in his rome and stead Sd Morse engageing to be accountable to the Town for all the Assessments committed to Sd Willard Newton to Collecte,

Surveyors of highways
Willard Newton Center
Wm Stow East End
Leml Chamberlain S. Side
Elijah Brigham West End

Overseers of the Poor
Luther Stone
Joseph Johnson
Benja Collins

Fence Viewers
Charles Angier
Samuel Hudson

Field Drivers
Joshua Fisher
Jon.a Peirce

Tything Men
Luther Stone

Hog Reeves
Jeremiah Fay
Calvin Angier
Benja Champney

Sealer of Leather: Lucheus Roberts

Survr of Lumber: Ezra Taylor

Survr of Hemp: Ashel Mathews

Deer Reeve: Wm Winchester

3d artl Grave Digers
Ebenr Bellows
Saml Brigham
Eli Bruce

Pound keeper: Lucheus Roberts

The above named persons of whome an oath is required were Sworn on the 9th day of March

3d art Chose Sol,m Este to Sweep Lock & Unlock the Meeting house the year Enſuing

4th art Voted to grant the Sum of Eighty pounds to repair highways the year enſuing to be Aſseſsed on the

High Ways Polls and Eſtates within the Town, And stated the price of Labour done on the same at three Shillings pr day Eight hours to be a days worke

Voted to Leave the matter reſpecting ox work to the Surveyor

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to Wedneſday ye Inst to meet at the meeting at one O Clocke P.M.

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

March ye 9th 1796 The Town met agreeable to adjournment and proceeded to act as follows Viz.

5th art Voted to grant the sum of 270 Dollars to hire a School Master the year Enſuing, to be Aſseſsed on the Polls and Eſtates within the Town. To be Equally divided betwixt the Squadrons

School Committee) Elisha Fay Center Jonas Ball Jr East End Charles R: Burnet S.S. Erasmus Ward Wt

Voted to Chuſe a Committee of five perſons to View the Several School Houſes in Sd Town and make report at April Meeting

Chose Jonas Ball Abel Chamberlain Abner Parker Peter Fay Jonathan Champney

Remaining part of Sd article paſsed over

6th art Voted to grant the Sum of 600 Dollars to pay Town debts the year Enſuing to be Aſseſsed on the Polls and Eſtates within the Town

		D Cents
7th art Voted to grant to	Mark Collins &c	8/34
Town debts	Seth Newton	5/0
	Aſseſsors	18/0
	Robert Fay Jr	1/0
	John Prentice	10/0
	Elisha Fay	1/0
	John Johnson	0/34

Voted to grant to Nathan Bridges D Cent 3/50 in full Satisfaction for a guide Post set up at the west End of Sd Town

Granted to Solm Este	2/50
Ezra Taylor	4/0

8th art Voted to Let their Swine run at Large the year Enſuing

9th art Voted to grant the request of Levi Dunton so far as that he have liberty to take care of his Family, Alſo Voted that the Overseers provide them ſome articles of furniture to keep houſe with. Sd Articles to Remain the Towns property

Poor Sold Voted to Set up their poor at publick Vendue The Town to pay all Extraordinary Nurſing and Doctri

Hannah Amſden ſet up to the Loweſt bidder and Struk of to John Prentice at three Shillings & ten pence pr week 3/10

Wido Salter Struk of to Joſeph Johnſon at four Shillings & ten pence 4/10

Saml Dunton and Family Struk of to Obediah Newton at Two Shillings & Eleaven pence 2/11

Timoy Peirce Set up to be Struk of to the higheſt bidder and Struk of to Charles Angier for ten pounds for one yeare.

10th art Woods Road Voted to diſcontinue Sd Road and grant the Same to David Woods his Heirs and Aſsines forever he paying Ten Dollars to the Town for the same

11th art Hudson's Road Voted to accept of the report of the Selectmen reſpecting the Road Laid out by the Houſe of Saml Hudſon agreeable to his requeſt, Alſo Voted to diſcontinue the old road by Sd Hudſon Houſe and grant the same to him the Sd Hudſon his Heirs and Aſsines forever as a full compenſation for the Land taken for the new road; Sd Hudſon Engageing to make the new Road paſsable on his own Coſt

12th art Voted to Leaſe Sd road to the higheſt bidder Set up and Struk of to John Johnſon for Seventeen Shillings for one year

Then Voted to diſsolve this Meeting

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

Worceſter ſs To Jonas Ball Jr —
Conſtable for Southborough greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachuſett you are Required forthwith. to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of S.d Town (Qualifi; as the Conſtitution directs to Vote for Governor Lt. Governor and Senators) to meet at the meeting Houſe in S.d Town on Monday ye 4th day of April next at one OClock afternoon, then and there to bring in their Votes for Governor Lieut Governor and Senators, agreable to the Conſtitution of this Commonwealth; Alſo warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Sd Town (Qualified to Vote in Town affairs) to meet at time and place above said, then and there to act on the following articles Viz

1st To Chuſe a Moderator for S.d Meeting

2dly For the Town to bring in their Votes for County Treaſurer

3dly For the Town to hear the report of their Committee Choſen to view the several School Houſes in S.d Town, for the purpoſe of determining what alteration (if any) is neceſsary to be made in Sd houſes, Alſo for the Town to hear the requeſt of Solomon Newton and others to have a School houſe built in the north part of Sd Town, And for the Town to paſs any Vote or Votes Reſpecting School Houſes or Schools as they think best when met

4thly For the Town to hear the request of the Wid.o Abigail Moor and act thereon as the Town thinks best when met

5thly For the Town to accept of a List of Jurors (if they see cauſe) or act thereon as they think best when met;

6thly For the Town to direct the Selectmen (if they see cauſe) to give John Johnſon an order for the damage awarded by the first Committee that Layd out the new county road over Brigham's Hill so call'd, and for the Town to paſs any Vote or Votes Reſpecting the same as they think best after mete

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us on or before the time appointed for holding S.d Meeting Given under our hands and seal at Southborough this 21st day of March in the year of our Lord 1796

Elijah Brigham
Trowbridge Taylor Abner Parker
Lem Chamberlain Timy Bellows

Selectmen of Southborough

Worcester ſs March ye 25th 1796

By Virtue of the within warrant I have Notified and warn'd the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Southborough Quallified to Vote as within mentioned to meet at time and place as within directed by setting up a Notification at the Meeting house in Sd Towne

Jonas Ball Jr Constable for Southborough

Southborough April 4th 1796

The Town met agreable to the forgoing warrant and proceeded to bring in their Votes for Govr, Lieut Govr and Senators which were as follows Viz

For Govr	Excl Saml Adams	14	Votes
	Honl Increas Sumner	37	
	Honl Benja Lincoln	2	
	Honl Francis Dana	1	
Lieut Govr	Honr Moses Gill	36	Votes
	Honl Saml Phillips	5	
	Honr James Bowdoin	5	
For Senators	Honl Salem Town	35	Votes
	Honl Josiah Stearnes	32	dto
	Honl Daniel Biglow	28	dto
	Bezaliel Taft Esqr	32	dto
	Honl Jona Warner	8	dto
	Martin Kinsley Esqr	7	dto
	Elijah Brigham Esqr	30	dto
	Benja Haywood Esqr	1	dto
	Caleb Amidon Esqr	2	dto

1st artl Chose Mark Collins Jr Moderator for the remaining business of Sd Meeting

2d artl Votes for County Treasurer for Saml Allen 35 Vot

3d artl Voted to accept of the Report of their Committee Chosen to View the several School houses in Sd Town ye Which report was not to make any alliration in Sd Houses

See next page

3d art. Cond Voted to appropriate 70 Dollars (for the purpose of Hireing a School Mistress) of the Money granted last March for the purpose of hireing a School Master —

School Matters Voted to grant 20 Cords of Wood for the Several School Houses in S.d Town, S.d wood to be set up to the lowest bidder at publick Vendue, Sd wood to be Inspected by the Inspectors chosen whitch were Soln. Ellis C; Asa Fay East End, Jno. Richards S. Side Wm Brigham W. End —

South Side Struk of to Abel Chamberlain 7/0 pr Cord
* Center to Mark Collins Jr for 8/6 pr Cord
West End to Abel Chamberlain for 6/11 pr Cord
East End to Shim.l Bemis for 8/0 pr Cord

4th art. Moors wood Voted to grant 4 Cords of wood to the Wid.o Abigail Moor Sd wood to be set up to the lowest bidder, Herman Fay to Inspect the same, Set up and Struk of to Reuben Fay for 8/6 pr Cord —

5th art. Jurors Voted to accept of the List of Jurors as now red Then Selected one quarter part for the supreme Box

6th art. Johnsons Voted to direct the Selectmen to delay giveing John Johnson an order untill he move his wall on the north side of the County Road (by Spring brook so Called) whitch he promised the Courts Committee that he would move —

* S.d Meeting was adjourned to Major Bannisters to meet at half after six OClock, The Meeting was then opened and proceeded to act on the 3d and 4th art. for the sale of the wood, Also to hear the List of Votes for Gov.r, Lt Gov.r and Senators —

Then Voted to Dissolve this Meeting —

Attest Mark Collins Jr Moderator

Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

May Warrant &c —

Worcester ss To Jonas Ball Jr Constable
for Southborough Greeting —

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are required forthwith to warn all the freeholders
and other inhabitants of Sd Town (Quallified by Law
to Vote for a Representative) to meet at the Meeting
House in Sd. Town on Monday ye 9th day of May Inst
at Two of the Clocke afternoon then and there (if they see
cause) to bring in their Votes for some person to Repre
sent the Town of Southborough in the General Court
of this Commonwealth, Also warn all the freeholders
and other Inhabitants of Sd Town Quallified by Law to Vote in Town
affairs to meet at time and place above said then and there
to act on the following articles Viz

1st To Chuse a Moderator for Sd Meeting &c —

2dly For the Town to hear the Request of Zurriah Newton
and act thereon as the Town think best when met —

3dly To see if the Town will discontinue the Road leading
from Erastimus Wards to Westborough line towards
Capt Edmund Brighams and Lease the same to the
highest bidder or pass any Vote or Votes Respecting
the same as the Town think best when met &c

4thly To See if the Town will make any addition to the Revd
Saml Sumner's sallery or pass any Vote or Votes Res
pecting the same as the Town think best when met —

5thly For the Town to Chuse a Committee to settle with
their Town Treasurer the present year or act thereon
as the Town think best when met —

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings
thereon to us on or before the time appointed for holding Sd Meeting
Given under our hands and Seal at Southborough this 3d day of
May in the year of our Lord 1796

Elijah Brigham
Trowbridge Taylor
Abner Parker
Leml Chamberlain
Timy Bellows
} Selectmen of Southborough

Worcester ss May 9th 1796
Pursuant to the within warrant
I have Notified and warned the
freeholders and other Inhabitants
of the Town of Southborough, To meet
at time and place for the purpose
within mentioned according to
the direction of the within warrant

Jonas Ball Jr Constable
for Southboro

Southborough May ye 9th day 1796
The Town met agreable to the forgoing warrant and proceeded to act as follows Viz

Voted not to send a Repreſentative the preſent year

1st artle Choſe Elijah Brigham Moderator for Sd Meeting

2d artle Paſsd over finally

3d artle Paſsd in the Negative

4th artle Voted to grant the sum of Twenty Pounds in Addition to the Revd Saml Summers Sallery the Preſent year (Ending the first of June next) to be aſseſsd on the Pools and Eſtates within the Town

Summers grant 20£

5th artle Paſsd in the Negative

Then Voted to diſsolve this Meeting

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderatore

Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

May 23d 1796

The Subſcribers met agreeably with appointment and renewed the following bounds between Southborough and Northborough (Viz)

1st A Stake and heap of Stones in Abner Brigham's pasture Sd Stake has the letters M. S, and N. on it

2dly A Stake and heap of Stones in Deacon Edmund Brighams pasture: Sd Stake has the letters W. S, and N. on it

Isaac Davis } Committee from
Nahum Fay } Northborough

Elijah Brigham } Committee from
Timy Bellows } Southborough

Novr. Warrant and proceedings thereon

Worcester ſs To Jonas Ball Jr Conſtable for Southboro
Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts you are requiered forthwith To warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Sd Town Quallified by Law to Vote for a Repreſentative to the General Court of this Commonwealth) to Aſsemble on Monday the Seventh day of November Next at one of the Clock afternoon at the Meeting Houſe in Sd Town: Then and there to bring in their Votes for on Elector of Preſident and Vice Preſident of the United States agreeable to a Reſolve of the General Court for that purpoſe Alſo to give in their Votes for a Repreſentative to Repreſent the Second Middle district of this Commonwealth in the Congreſs of the United States of Americ Agreeable to an act of the General Court for the Choice of Federal Repreſentatives

Alſo warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Sd Town: Quallified to Vote in Town affairs: To meet at time and place aboresaid then and there to act on the following Articles Viz

1st To Chuſe a Moderator for Sd Meeting

2dly For the Town to Grant a Sum of Money sufficiant to pay Town debts, or paſs any Vote or Votes Reſpecting the same as the Town think best when met &c

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant & your doings thereon to us on or before the time appointed for holding Sd, meeting; Given under our hands and Seal att Southborough this 24th day of October in the year of our Lord 1796

Elijah Brigham
Trowbridge Taylor
Abner Parker
Timothy Bellows
Selectmen of Southborough

Southboro Novr 7 1796
Purſuant to the within Warrant I have Notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Sd Town to meet at time and place and for the purpoſe within mentioned
Jonas Ball Jr
Conſtable for Southboro

Novr Meeting 1796

Southborough Novr ye 7th 1796

The Town Met agreeable to the forgoing warrant and proceded to act as follows Viz

Brought in their Votes for Elector whitch were

For the Honl Elbridge Gerry — 41 Votes

For Representative to Congress

For the Honl Saml Dexter Jr — 37 Votes

Honl Joseph B. Varnum 3

1st artl Chose Elijah Brigham Moderator for Sd Meeting

2d artl Voted to Chuse a Committee of three persons to look into the State of the Town debts and also the debts due to the Town, and make report at the adjournment of this meeting Chose Ezra Taylor Saml Newton Trowbridge Taylor. Voted to adjourn to Major Banisters Hall to Vendue the wood

Summer Wood sold

Met according to adjournment and proceded to the business & Voted to procure ten Cords of wood for the Revd Saml Summer to be four feet in length Set up to the lowest bidder

First Lot Set up and struk of to Mark Collins for 9/3 ~~pr Cord~~ — 9/3

2d Lot Struk of to John Collins for — 9/0

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the 14 day of this month, to meet at the Meeting house in Sd Town at three O Clock afternoon

Elijah Moderator

Novr ye 14th 1796

Town grant 150 $

The Town met agreeable to adjournment and proceded to act as follows (Viz)

Voted to grant one Hundred and fifty Dollars to be Assessed on the Polls and Estates within the Town

Then Voted to dissolve this meeting

Recorded by J Taylor Town Clerk

Elijah Brigham Modr

page 425 | March ye 3^d 1797

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Southborough. To Settle with Ezra Taylor Town Treasurer for the year past; And by Examining the Books and Accounts, we find he has ben Chargeable with the Sum of ——— 1966 – 91

And he produced Vouchers that he has paid the Sum of ——— 624 . 94

And he is Still Chargeable with the Sum of ——— 1341 – 97

Elijah Brigham
Trowbridge Taylor
Abner Parker
Lem^l Chamberlain
Timothy Bellows
} Selectmen for Southborough

These Certify that we have Assessed the Polls and Estates within the Town of Southborough. In the Sum of one Thousand and Eighty six Dollars & Sixty seven Cents; And Committed the same in two Lists of Assessments to Jonas Ball Jr and Willard Newton Constables for said Southborough; with Warrants in due form of Law, for Collecting and paying in the same to Ezra Taylor Treasurer for S.d Town or his Successor in Office on or before the first day of March next.

Southborough Nov^r 21st 1796
To the Selectmen of Southbo.

Mark Collins
Ezra Taylor
Jeremiah Newton
} Assessors

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Charges against the Treasurer 1797

Angiers Note for Tim^y Peirce Wages	32 Dollars
Flurry Road ———	2 Dollars
Burying ground and the yard at there	2 Dollars
Cottings Note	11 D . 50 Cent.

Worcester ss To Jonas Ball Jr Constable for Southborough Greeting —

(L.S.) In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required forthwith. to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Southborough (Quallified by Law to Vote in Town affairs) To meet at the Meeting House in S.d Town on Monday the Sixth day of March next. at Twelve O Clock at noon. Then and there to act on the following articles Viz —

1st To Chuse a Moderator for S.d Meeting —

2dly For the Town to make Choice of Town Officers for the year ensuing as the Law directs —

3dly For the Town to Chuse Grave digers Also a Pound keeper and some person to Lock Unlock and Sweep the Meeting House the year Ensuing —

4thly For the Town to agree upon and grant a Sum of Money to repair High ways the year ensuing and state the price of Labour done on the same or act thereon as they think best when met —

5thly For the Town to agree upon and grant a Sum of Money to hire a School Master the year Ensuing. And pass any other Vote or Votes Respecting Schools or School Houses as the Town think best when met —

6thly For the Town to agree upon and grant a Sum of Money to pay Town debts the year ensuing and pass any Vote or Votes respecting the same as they think best when met —

7thly For the Town to allow Town debts to those to whom they are Justly Indebted —

8thly For the Town to determin whether their Swine Shall run at Large the year Ensuing —

9thly For the Town to determin what method they will take for the Support of their poor the year Ensuing and pass any Vote or Votes Respecting the same as they think best when met —

10thly For the Town to hear the request of Zerviah Newton and pass any Vote or Votes respecting the same as the Town think best when met —

11thly For the Town to Chuse a Committee to Seat the Meeting House in S.d Town or pass any Vote or Vote respecting the same as they think best when met —

12thly To See if the Town will provide a Carriage for the use of the Town on funeral occations or paſs any Vote or Votes Reſpecting the same as they think beſt when met —

13thly To See if the Town will Conſent to have the Pound mov to Some other part of the Towns Common or paſs any Vote or Votes Reſpecting the same as they think beſt when met —

14thly To See if the Town will Shut up the road leading from Calvin Angiers acrost the Valley so Cald, out to the road leading from Wm Onthanks &c to Timothy Bellows, or paſs any Vote or Votes reſpecting the Same as they think best when met —

15thly To See if the Town will relinquish any part of the deman they hold against Trowbridge Taylor or paſs any Vote or Votes, Reſpecting the same as they think best when met —

16thly To See if the Town will grant to Herman Fay Land Suffi to set a Stable on at the West End of the Meeting House in Sd Town or paſs any Vote or Votes Reſpecting the same as they think best when met —

17thly To See if the Town will Leaſe the Town way leading from Mr Collins &c out to the Top of Brighams Hill so Cald or paſs any Vote or Votes Reſpecting the same as they think beſt when met —

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to us on or before the time appointed for holding Sd Meeting, Given under our hands and Seal at Southboro' this 14th day of Febry in the year of our Lord 1797

Elijah Brigham
Trowbridge Taylor
Abner Parker
Leml Chamberlain
Timothy Bellows

Selectmen of Southbro;

March ye 6th 1797 —

Pursuant to the within I have Notified and warned the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Southborough to meet at time and place and for the purpose within mentioned by Setting up a written Notification at the Meeting house in Sd Town;

Jonas Ball Jr Constable —

March Meeting 1797

Southbr.o March ye 6th 1797

The Town met agreeable to the forgoing Warrant and proceeded to act as follows Viz

1st Choſe Elijah Brigham Moderator for Sd Meeting

2 art.e Choſe Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

Selectmen Elijah Brigham Abner Parker
Trowbridge Taylor Timothy Bellows
Shin.s Bemis

Town Treaſurer Ezra Taylor

Aſseſsors } Jeremiah Newton, Trowbridge Taylor
Wm Herrington

Constables Joſiah Fay Joſiah Bridges Then Voted to accept of Nathan Bridges jr in the rome and stead of Joſiah Bridges he engaging to be accountable to the Town for all the Collection Committed to Sd Nathan Bridges jr to Collect

Surveyors of High Ways) Shin.s Brigham & Nathan Bridges jr S. End
Charles Angier & Hezekiah Fay W End

Fence Viewers) Caleb Newton
Wm Stow

Field drivers) Daniel Johnſon
Charles Angier

Tything man) Joſiah Newton

Hog reeves) Benja Champney
Enoch Fay

Sealer of Leather) Zacheus Robertſon

Surveyor of Hemp) Aſahel Matthews

Deer reaf) Daniel Johnſon

N B all the above named perſons of whome an Oath are required were ſworn according to Law

Surveyor Lumber Ezra Taylor

3d art & Grave digers Ebenr Bellows Eli Bruce

Pound keeper Shin.s Brigham

Sweep Lock and Unlock the meeting House } Zacheus Robertſon

4th art } Highway grant } Voted to grant the Sum of Three Hundred & forty Dollars to be Aſseſsed on the Polls and Estates within the Town

Voted to State the price of Labour at Eight Cents an Hour, Oxen Carts and Plows to be left to the Surveyor

March Meeting Continued

5th arte Voted to grant the Sum of Two Hundred and
School grant 270 Seventy Dollars to hire a School Master the
year Ensuing to be assessd on the Polls and Estates
within the Town, then Voted to appropriate one
quarter part of the aforesaid sum for the purpose
of hireing a Woman School

School Committee } Shim^s Brigham Charles Angier
Lem Chamberlain Wm Brigham

Voted to grant Twenty Cords of wood for the Several
School Houses in S,d Town to be Four feet in length
School Wood it was then set up and Struck of to the Lowest bidder
in manner as follows

Center	Mark Collins Jr	10/0
East End	Shim^s Bemis	10/6
South Side	Shim^s Bemis	8/10
West End	Silas Brigham	10/0

Inspectors of S,d Wood } Wm Taylor John Johnson
Shim^s Brigham Jeremiah Fay

N.B. the meeting was adjourned to Major Banisters on the 2d arte
and then adjourned to the Meeting House to meet at one
O Clock Tomarrow 7th day of March

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

March ye 7th 1797

The Town met agreable to the forgoing adjournment
and proceded to act as fallow Viz
6th arte Voted to grant the Sum of Three Hundred Dollars
Town grant 300 D to be Assessd on the Polls and Estates within
the Town

7 arte

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Granted to Ezra Taylor	5	50
Assessors	20	0
John Este	3	0
J B Kittridge	0	90
Elisha Fay	1	33

8th arte Voted to Let their Swine run at Large the
year Ensuing

March Meeting Continu'd

9th art Voted to Set up their Poor to the lowest bidder they were Set up and Struck of as follows Viz —

Poor Sold

	s d
Hannah Amsden to Charles Angier ———	3/9
Wid.o Saltir to Same ———	3/11
Saml Dunton and Family ———	2/10

N B the Town is to pay the extraordinary Doctoring and Nursing and to Cloath them —

Voted to Set up Tims Service to the Highest bidder Set up and Struck off to Charles Angier for Forty Six Dollars for one year —

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10th art Voted to direct the Treasurer to pay ten Dollars and forty nine Cents accounts brought by Jeremiah Newton and take receipts of the Several Doctors — J Newton

11th Pass'd finally

12th Pass'd finally

13th Voted to Chuse a Committee of three persons to Consult respecting the Pound and Make report at April Meeting — Chose Daniel Johnson Deacon Fay Saml Chamberlain — Pound Committee

14th Pass'd over finally —

15th Voted not to make any abatement

16th Voted to adjourn to Major Champneys and their open'd the Meeting —

Stable ground Voted to grant to Heman Fay his Heirs and assigns four Eight feet of Land at the west End of the meeting hous adjoining the Land of Elijah Brigham to Extend Northward Sd Land is for the purpose of Setting a Stable on —

17th Voted to Lease to Mark Collins Jr Sd Road from the road by Sd Collins up as far as the bars leading into John Johnsons pasture he the Sd Collins paying two Dollars to the Town for the use of Sd road

Stoney Road

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Then Voted to dissolve this Meeting —

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator —

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Worceſter ſs To Nathan Bridges ſd Conſtable
for Southborough

Cps

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts you are required To warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Sd Town (Quallified by Law to Vote in Town affairs) To meet at the Meeting in Southborough on Monday ye 20th day of March Inst at one of the Clock afternoon then and there to act on the following Articles Viz

1st To Chuſe a Moderator for Sd Meeting

2dly For the Town to hear a Letter from Mr Saml Summer And for the Town to determin whither they will grant Mr Summers requeſt therein mentioned which is that he may be diſmiſs'd from the Office of a Goſpel Miniſter of Jesus Christ within Sd Town, And for the Town to paſs any Vote or Votes Reſpecting Sd Summer and the Town as they think beſt when mete Alſo for the Town to determin whiether they will purchaſe the farm now Own'd by Mr Saml Summer and paſs any Vote or Votes Reſpecting the Same as they think beſt when met And alſo paſs any Vote or Votes Reſpecting the goſpel Miniſtery in Sd Town as they think best when mete

3dly To See if the Town will grant to Daniel Johnſon & Eliſha Fay Land ſufficent to set a Stable on at the West end of the Meeting Houſe in Sd Town, and act thereon as they think best when met

4thly For the Town to hear the requeſt of Eſqr Newton Reſpecting the Eſtate of Thomas Lewes which he receiv'd in his hands as Guardian for Sd Lewes, And Alſo his Charge against Sd Lewis for Supporting him Twelve years and six Months, And then for the Town to paſs any Vote or Votes Reſpecting the same as they think best when met

5thly To See if the Town will grant the Wido Abigail Moor any fire wood and act thereon as they think best when mete

6thly For the Town to hear the report of their Committee Choſen for the purpoſe of Conſulting reſpecting moveing the Pound to some other part of the Towns Common and for the Town to paſs any Vote or Votes Reſpecting the same as they think best when met

7thly To See if the Town will grant to David Fay and others Land sufficient to set Stables on and for the Town to pass any Vote or Votes Respecting the same as they think best when met —

8thly To See if the Town will procure a Drum for the Use of the Militia Company in S.d Town, and act thereon as they think best when met —

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to us on or before the time appoint-ed for holding S.d Meeting, given under our hands and Seal at Southborough this 14th day of March in the year of Our Lord 1797 —

Elijah Brigham
Abner Parker
Trow.b Taylor
Timothy Bellows

Selectmen of Southborough

Worcester ss —
Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warn'd the Inhabitants of S.d Southborough Qualified as therein expressed to meet at time and place and for the purposes therein menti-oned — Southborough March ye 20th 1797 —
Nathan Bridges Jr Constable for Southborough —

Southborough March ye 20th 1797 —

The Town met agreeable to the forgoing warrant and proceeded to act as follows Vize —

1st Chose Elijah Brigham Moderator for S.d Meeting

2d art Summers Matter Voted to Concur with the Chh in desireing the Rev.d Mr Summer to tarry agreeable to their Vote which was, Voted that the Rev.d Mr Summer be desired Still to officiate as the Minister of Southborough in all cases as though no uneasiness had arisen Until the second Monday in September next then to hear the voice of the Chh and Town relative to his further Continuance in S.d Office, To which second Monday in September the further Consideration of this Impor-tant question is referr'd by this Vote — Yeas 13 nays 7

3d art Stable ground Voted to grant to Daniel Johnson and Elisha Fay ~~at the~~ Land that can be spared betwixt the mead Stables and Elijah Newton's Stables at the West End of the Meeting House, that is not allready granted to some other person, S.d Fay relin-quishing his right at the North End of the Old Stables

Voted to Chuse a Committee of three Persons to look
4th art. into the Matter Respecting Thomas Lewes Estate and make
T Lewes report to the Town at a futer meeting Chose Ezra Taylor
matter Mark Collins Jr Trowbridge Taylor

5th art Voted to grant five Cords of wood Eight feet Long to be
Moors set up to the lowest bidder Struck of to Ezra Taylor for 10/6
wood Stephen Fay or Charles Angier to Inspect the same

6th art Voted to grant to Zacheus Robertson his Heirs and assigns
forever the Land where the Old Pound now Stands as it is Stak
Pound out by the Committee the Sd Robertson in Consideration therefor
granted is to move the Old Pound to the Northwest part of the Towns
to Z Ro Common and there Erect a new Pound to the acceptance of
the Towns Committee Chosen for that purpose
Which are Phin.s Bemis Ezra Taylor Nathan Bridge Jr
Mark Collins Jr Jonathan Champney

7th art Voted to Chuse a Committee to View the Stable ground and
make report at April Meeting Chose Major Champney
Stables Ezra Taylor Lem.l Chamberlain

8th art Voted to direct the Treasurer to procure a Drum for
Drum the Use of the Militia Company in Sd Southborough

N B The Meeting was adjourned to Monday the 3d day of April
The Meeting was the opened and the 4th, and 6th article
acted upon as Recorded above

Then Voted to dissolve this Meeting
Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

Worcester ss To Nathan Bridge Jr Constable for Southboro
(L.S.) Greeting
In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you
are Required to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants
of the Town of Southborough Qualified by Law to Vote for
Governor Lt Gov.r and Senators To meet at the Meeting
House in Sd Town on Monday ye third day of April next at two
of the Clock afternoon then and there to bring in their Votes
for a Governor Lt Gov.r and Senators Agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and your doings
thereon to us on or before the time appointed for holding Sd
Meeting Given under our hands and Seal at Southborough
this fourteenth day of March in the year of Our Lord 1797
Elijah Brigham Abner Parker Trowbridge Taylor
Timothy Bellows Selectmen of Southbro.

Southborough April ye 3d, 1797

The Town met agreable to the forgoing warrant and proceed to bring in their Votes which were as follows Viz

For Govr	Honl Increase Sumner	43 Votes
	Honl James Sullivan	10
	Honl Moses Gill	6
	Honl Benja Lincoln	1
Lt Govr	Honr Moses Gill	48 Votes
	Honl Edward H Robins	3
Senators	Honl Daniel Bigelow	21 Votes
	Hl Salem Town	38
	Hl Josiah Starnes	33
	Hl Bezalel Taft	34
	Saml Flagg Esqr	13
	Levi Lincoln Esqr	8
	Elijah Brigham	16
	Nathan Fisher	2
	John Sprague Esqr	2
	Thos Hale Esqr	2
	George Brigham	1

Then Voted to dissolve this Meeting

Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

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Worcester ss To Nathan Bridges Jr Constable for Southborough greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Sd Town (Qualified by Law to Vote for a Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth) To meet at the Meeting House in Sd Town on Monday ye 15th day of May Instt at four of the Clock afternoon then and there (if they se Cause) to bring in their Votes for some person to Represent the Town of Southborough in the General Court of this Commonwealth the year Ensuing Also warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Sd Town Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs, To meet at time and place abovesaid, then and there to act on the following articles (Viz

1st To Chuse a Moderator for Sd Meeting —

2dly For the Town (if they se Cause to Chuse a Committee to wait on the Courts Committee Chosen for the purpose of Viewing the proposed Post Road from Connecticut to Boston, and pass any Vote or Votes Respecting the same as they think best when met —

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and your doings thereon to us on or before the Time appointed for holding Sd Meeting; Given under our hands and Seal at Southborough this 1st day of May in the year of our Lord 1797 —

Elijah Brigham Abner Parker Trowbridge Taylor Saml Bellows Phin Bemis Selectmen of Southborough —

Worcester ss Pursuant to the within warrant I have ~~Summoned~~ Notified and warned the Inhabitants of Sd Town Qualified as therein express'd to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mention'd —

Southborough May ye 15th 1797

Nathan Bridges Jr Constable for Southborough

May Meeting 1797

Southborough May ye 15th 1797

The Town Met agreeable to the forgoing warrant and proceeded to act as follows Viz

Voted not to Chuse a Representative the present year

1stly Chose Elijah Brigham Moderator for Sd Meeting

2dly Voted to Chuse a Committee of five persons & Chose Col. Nixon Elijah Brigham Ezra Taylor Doctr Cotting Major Champney

Then Voted to dissolve this meeting

Attest Elijah ~~Brigham~~ Brigham Moderator

Worcester Ss To Nathan Bridges Jr Constable for Southboro greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are Required, To warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Sd Town (Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs) To meet at the Meeting House in Sd Town on Monday ye 3d day of July next at five of the Clock afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles Viz

1st To Chuse a Moderator for Sd Meeting

2dly For the Town to Chuse an agent or agents (if they see Cause) to defend the action brought against the Town of Southborough by John Johnson or pass any Vote or Votes Respecting the same as they think best when met

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant & your doings thereon, To us on or before the time appointed for holding Sd Meeting, Given under our hands and seal at Southborough this 26th day of June in the year of Our Lord 1797

Elijah Brigham
Abner Parker
Trowbridge Taylor
Sim J Bellows
Phins Bemis

Selectmen of Southboro

Worcester ss July ye 3d 1797
Pursuant to the within warrant I have Notified and warned the Inhabitants of Sd Town of Southborough qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs, to meet at time and place and for the purposes within mentioned,
Nathan Bridges Jr Constable for Southborough

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July Meeting 3d day 1797 —

The Town met agreeable to the forgoing warrant and proceeded to act as follows Viz —

1st Chose Elijah Brigham Moderator for S,d Meeting

2dly Voted to direct the Treasurer to pay to John Johnson the Sum of Seven Dollars to be in full for the award of a Courts Committee for which an action is brought against the Town of Southborough; S,d Johnson engaging to move his wall back to the place where Elijah Brigham Esq.r of Westborough Elijah Brigham and Solomon Newton of Southborough shall say is Convenient; S,d Johnson engaging to drop S,d action and pay all Cost —
S,d Wall to be moved by the middle of September next and the money to be paid before that time —

Then Voted to give up the Summons to S,d Johnson —

Then Voted to dissolve S,d Meeting —

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator —

Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

Road by J. Johnson —

We the Subscribers a Committee Chosen by the Town of Southborough at a Legal meeting of S,d Town to View and accept of the New Pound which Zacheus Robertson engaged to Build for the Land Sold to him by said Town, and having attended that Service we do Unanimously agree that said Pound is well built and agreeable to said Robertson's Contract —

Southborough May ye 15th 1797 —

Stepn. Bemis
Jon.a Champney
Nathan Bridges Jr
Mark Collins Jr
Ezra Taylor

Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

Sept^r Meeting

Worcester ss To Nathan Bridges Constable for Southbor^o Greeting

(21) In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of S^d Town (Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs) to meet at the Meeting House in S^d Town on Monday the Eleventh day of September Next at five of the Clock afternoon then and there to act on the following articles Viz

1^st To Chuse a Moderator for S^d Meeting —

2^d For the Town to take into further Consideration the Request made to S^d Town by the Rever^d Samuel Sumner in March last. Which Request was that he might be dismissed from the Office of a Gospel Minister in S^d Town of Southborough the Consideration of Said request was then refered to the Second Monday of September next by the Vote of S^d Town. And for the Town to pass any Vote or Votes Respecting the same as they shall think best when met, And pass any Vote or Votes Respecting S^d Sumner and S^d Town, Also pass any Vote or Votes respecting the Gospel Ministry in S^d Town as they shall think best when met —

3^dly For the Town to hear the Report of the Selectmen respecting an alteration made in the Road leading from Joseph Fairbanks to Amos Newtons and pass any Vote or Votes Respecting the same as they shall think best when met —

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and your doings thereon to us on or before the time appointed for holding S^d Meeting, Given under our hands and seal at Southborough this 28^th day of August in the year of our Lord 1797 —

Elijah Brigham
Abner Parker
Fran^s Taylor
Tim^y Bellows
Phin^s Bemis

Selectmen of Southboro^t

Worcester ss Pursuant to the within warrant I have Notified the freeholders and Inhabitants of S^d Town of Southborough (Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs) to meet at time and place and for the purposes within mentioned — Southborough September ye 11^th 1797 —

Nathan Bridges Constable —

Southborough September ye 11th 1747

The Town Met agreeable to the forgoing Warrant and
proceded to act as follows Viz
1st Choſe Elijah Brigham Moderator for S.d Meeting
2d art.l Put to Vote to see how many are willing to have Mr
Sumner tarry provided he can be reſtored to the fa
=vour of the Neighbouring Churches in the Aſsociation
59 in favour 33 againſt

Then Voted Unanimous not to have him tarry Unle
he can have free Correſpondance with the Neighbou
-ing Churches in the Aſsociation
Voted to Chuſe a Committee of five to Converſe
with Mr Sumner, Choſe Deacon Fay Jonas Ball
Trowbridge Taylor Ezra Taylor and John Johnſon
Adjourn'd for half an Hour — The Town Met agre
=able to adjournment and proceded to buſineſs
Voted to Chuſe a mutual Council
Voted to deſire Mr Sumner to preach next Sabbath
Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday ye 18th da
of this Ins.t September to meet at the Meeting Houſe in
S.d Town at Two O Clock afternoon
Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

September ye 18th 1747
The Town met agreeable to adjournment and proceded
to act as follows Viz
Put to See if the Town are ready to Chuſe a Council
tried by divideing the Houſe and it Pass'd in the Ne
=tive Voted to Request the agreaved party to lay befo
the Town at the adjournment of this Meeting, the
Allegations they have against Mr Sumner
Voted to Chuſe a Committee on the other side of
the question to bring in what they have in fav
of Mr Sumner — Choſe Ezra Taylor Sol.n New
-Elijah Brigham John Johnſon and Jonas Ball
Voted to deſire Mr Sumner to preach till the ad
=journment of this Meeting
Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday ye 2d
day of October next at Two O Clock afternoon
to meet at the Meeting Houſe in S.d Town
Elijah Brigham Moderator

Sumners Matter

3d art.l Recorded page 416 with the laying out of S.d Road

October ye 2d 1797 — (Page 146

The Town met agreeable to adjournment and proceed-
to act as follows Viz —
After the agreived partys were Cald upon to bring in what
they had against Mr Sumner. and Profess to lay any thing
before the Town. The Town then Voted that the Committee Cho-
-sen last Meeting to bring in what they have in favour of
Mr Sumner make report to the Town, Sd Report was
then Read. The Vote was then put to see if the Town will
accept of the report of their Committee and it pass in
the affermative 62 in favour 13 against —
Voted that Mr Sumner be desired to supply the pulpit as
Usual — Voted that Deacon Hay notify Mr Sumner of the
Vote of Sd Town, Then Voted to disolve this Meeting —
Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator —

Worcester ss To Nathan Bridges Jr Constable for Southboro
Greeting —
In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you
are Required to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabi-
tants of Sd Town, Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs
To meet at the Meeting House in Sd Town on Friday
ye 1st day of December next at one of the Clock after-
=noon then and there to act on the following articles
Viz —

1st To Chuse a Moderator for Sd Meeting — —
2dly To See whether the Town will Continue the Revd
Samuel Sumner in his office or grant him his Re-
-quest made in March last past, And pass any Vote
or Votes Respecting the same as they think best when
met, Also pass any Vote or Votes Respecting the Gos-
=pel Ministry in Sd Town as they think best when met
3dly For the Town to give the Treasurer such direction as
they think best Respecting the Securities in his hands
in favour of the Town, against a Number of persons
And for the Town to pass any Vote or Votes Respecting
the same as they think best when met —
Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and your
doings thereon to us on or before the time appointed for
holding Sd Meeting Given under our hands and Seal at
Southborough this 20th day of November in the year of our
Lord 1797 — Turn over

Decemr Warrant 1797 –

Elijah Brigham
Abner Parker
Trowb Taylor
Jon J Bellows
Ephs Bemis
} Selectmen of Southborough

Worcester ss Pursuant to the within warrant I
warned the Inhabitants of Sd Town Qualified as
therein expresd to meet at time and place and for
the purpose within Mentiond –
Southborough December ye 1st 1797 –
Nathan Bridges Jr Constable

Southborough December ye 15th 1797 –
The Town met agreeable to the forgoing warrant an
proceeded to act as follows (Viz
1st Chose Elijah Brigham Moderator for Sd Meeting
2dly Put to see whether the Town wish to Continue Mr Sum
=ner in the office of a Minester Pasd in the Negative
Voted to Chuse a Committee of five to Confer with
Mr Summer Chose Abner Parker Trowbridge Taylor
Jonathan Pierce Decn Chamberlain Mark Collins Jr
Voted to adjourn till four O Clock to meet at this
place The Town met agreeable to adjournment
and proceeded to business –
Voted to grant Mr Summers request made in Marc
last which was that he might be dissmisd from the
office of a Gospel Minester in Sd Town –
Voted to leave the Matter with the Selectmen to Sett
-le with Mr Summer and pass Receipts –
3ar Voted that Trowbridge Taylor pay one third part of
what he owes the Town by the first Monday of Ma
next the remainder to be left to the Town to say whe
it Shall be paid Voted that the other Securities aga
other persons to Call for at the same time –
Then Voted to adjourn to the 18th day of Decr Inst
at one O Clock to meet at the Meeting House
in Sd Town
Elijah Brigham Moderator

Sumner dismission

December ye 18th 1797 —

The Town Met agreeable to adjournment and proceeded to act as follows Viz —

The Selectmen Reported that they had Settled with Mr Sumner and that he had Relinquished one quarter part of the Settlement given him by the Town and that he had given his Receipt for his Salary up to the time of his dismission —

Voted to accept of the report of the Selectmen Respecting the Settlement with Mr Sumner —

Voted to dissolve this meeting —

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator —

Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

Sumners Letter

Southborough March ye 1st 1797 —

To the Freeholders Voters and other Inhabitants of Southborough, Gentlemen —

It is unnecessary for me to inform you of my state you know my Condition, and Cannot be unacquainted with the accusations which are brought against me, under which accusations I view it inconsistant for me to hold the office I now sustain. The Severest Censure is no more than I deserve: For by my misconduct I have ruined myself, am sunk in the utmost disgrace. If in your reproaches you give full vent to the keenest malignity I cannot think it hard treatment or call it severe usage. Reproach me in the bitterest language and you do not nor can you do me in the way any injustice; I deserve if righteously accused the utmost. I presume not to ask your forgiveness; that is too much to be granted, a favour which I Cannot expect. that you should ever look on me again with those eyes of tenderness and kind affection which I have been accustomed to behold. I trust you will so far draw the vale of Charity over my misconduct that as a man you will extend Christian forgiveness which most Humbly I request. As a Minister I neither expect to be forgiven nor ask to be restored. I wish you to accept the Resignation of my office which I now make and grant me liberty to retire to the

shades

Shade of oblivion as far as is possible, From publick I ma
retire but cannot retire to enjoy happiness, for n
place can be found where shame and memory wi
not accompany me. In the most desperate Circumstances
I Shall with gratitude remember the ma
favours and kindnesses which I have received dur
my residence with you; Reflecting upon those events
which occurred in the course of the few years wh
I have here enjoyed will always afford a degree o
happiness: but it must be attended with a painfu
remorse when I reflect, as unavoidably I must. tha
by my Misconduct I forfeited your affection. Thus Ge
tlemen I have brought ruin on myself; what is
almost equally painful have caused sorrow to m
friends, and have given to my enemies great cause
of rejoiceing. Tormented as I am with many bitte
reflections, and dismal anxiety I wish to avoid pub
view in solitary retirement spend my days; Hence
I hope you will as soon as convenient vote your
acceptance of this my resignation, and if possible th
no more of me, who wish to be forgotten, However it
is my sincere wish that no remembrance of me
may in the least disturb your happiness, may
not your pity be mingled with pain, May all the
blessings which mortals can rationally hope to receive
flow unto you in plentifulness and rich
abundance — As a Society may you be built up
in harmony and love, exercising all that candour
and kind charity which ever becomes men
and Christians to exercise; May you soon be united
in the Choice of one as a Minister who shall be di
posed to settle among you who shall possess better a
lities and a more amiable temper than ever was po
sessed by him, who with the most affectionate Senti
ments wishes to subscribe himself your sincere Frien
and Humble Servant

Samuel Sumner

To the Selectmen of
Southborough to be communicated to the Town

Recorded by J Taylor T. Clerk

Certificate of the Town Tax 1797 — (444 Page

We Hereby Certify that we have Aſseſs'd the Polls and Eſtates in the Town of Southborough in the Sum of Five Hundred and Seventy Dollars and Committed the Same to the Collector of s'd Town with warrants in due form of Law for Collecting and paying in the same to the Treasurer of s'd Town by the first day of April next we have alſo directed the Collector Josiah Fay to pay one Dollar and Twenty five Cents into the Town Treasury it being the Fractional part of the State Rate —

Southborough Decr ye 12th 1797 Jeremiah Newton
To the Selectmen of Trowbridge Taylor } Aſseſsors
Southborough — Wm. Harrington

Worcester ss. To Nathan Bridges Jr Constable for Southborough Greeting
In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required To warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of s'd Town Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs To meet at Meeting House in s'd Town on Monday ye 22d day of Jany Inst at one of the Clock afternoon then and there to act on the following Viz —

1st To Chuse a Moderator for s'd Meeting —

2dly For the Town to expreſs their minds on the propriety of building a New Court House in the Town of Worcester and for the Town to paſs any Vote or Votes Respecting the same as they shall think best when met —

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and your doings thereon, to us on or before the time appointed for holding s'd Meeting Given under our hands and seal at Southboro, this 15th day of Jany in the year of our Lord 1798 —

Elijah Brigham
Abner Parker } Selectmen of
Trow. Taylor
Wm J Bellows } Southboro
Phins Bemis

Worcester ss
Pursuant to the within Warrant I have warn'd the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Southborough Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs, to meet at time and place and for the purpose within mentioned Southboro. Jany ye 22d 1798 —
Nathan Bridges Jr Constable for Southboro —

Southboro' ye 22d 1798 —
The Town met agreeable to the foregoing warrant and proceeded to act as follows Viz —

1st Chose Abner Parker Moderator for s'd Meeting —

2dly Voted Unanimously that it is not expedient to build a new Court House in the Town of Worcester at this time —

Turn over —

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Jany 22d Meeting ——

Voted to Remonstrate to the General Court against gran ing money to build Sd House ——

Voted to Chuse a Committee to draft a petition Chose Elijah Brigham Trowb. Taylor Jonas Ball — —

A petition was Laid before the Town and accepted and sign by the Town Clarke ——

Then Voted to disolve this Meeting ——

Abner Parker Moderator

Southborough February ye 26th 1798 ——

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Sou borough to Settle with Ezra Taylor Town Treasurer fo the year past And by Examining the books and accounts we find he has been Chargeable with the su of —— 1960:72

And he produced Vouchers that he has paid the Sum of } 1111:50

And he is still Chargeable with the } 849:22

Sum of Eight Hundred Forty-nine Dollars and twenty two Cents ——

Elijah Brigham
Abner Parker
Trowbridge Taylor
Timothy Bellows
Phinehas Bemis
} Selectmen of Southborough

Onthanks Road

We the Subscribers haveing (by the desire of Mr Joseph Onthank) Met for the purpose of Viewing and altering the Town Way leading from Sd Onthanks to Amos Newtons Beg leave to report as follows Viz — We Judge it not inconveenant for the publick to have an alteration in the same, and accordingly have proceeded to make bounds as follows Viz. Beginning at a Stake the North side of Sd Road it being on a flat east of a mud hole from thence Westward to a white oak Tree in Sd Onthanks pasture from thence Westward to the Road lead from Amos Newtons to Abel Newtons, about one foot south of a Short turn in Sd Onthanks Wall. Said Road to be two Rods wide and the above bounds to be the North side of Sd Road, Southborough Septr 5th 1797 —

Elijah Brigham
Abner Parker
Timothy Bellows
Phin. Bemis
Selectmen of Southborough

Septr ye 11th 1797

3d Ar Voted to accept of the Report of the Selectmen Respecting the Road by them laid out and grant to him the Sd Onthank his heirs and assigns for ever the old Road described in Sd article as a full Compensation for the Land taken for the New Road Sd Onthank and others engageing to make the New Road pursuance

Attest Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

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March Meeting Warrant 1798

Worceſter ss. To Nathan Bridges Conſtable for Southborough — Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts you are Required forthwith, To warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Southborough, (Qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs) To meet at the Meeting house in Sd Town, on Monday ye fifth day of March next at Twelve O Clock at noon. then and there to act on the following articles Viz —

1st To Chuse a Moderator for Sd Meeting

2dly For the Town to make Choice of Town officers for the year enſuing as the Law directs —

3dly For the Town to make Choice of Grave digers, Alſo a pound keeper and some perſon to Sweep Lock and Unlock the Meeting Houſe the year enſuing —

4thly For the Town to agree upon and grant a sum of Money to repair highways the year enſuing and state the price of Labour done on the same and act thereon as they think best when met —

5thly For the Town to grant a sum of Money to hire a Schoolmaster the year enſuing, And paſs any Vote or Votes Reſpecting Schools or School Houſes as they think best when met —

6thly For the Town to agree upon and grant a sum of Money to pay Town debts the year enſuing and paſs any Vote or Votes Reſpecting the same as they think best when met

7thly For the Town to allow Town debts to those to whome they are Justly Indebted —

8thly For the Town to determin whether their Swine Shall run at Large the year enſuing

9thly For the Town to determin what method they will take for the support of their poor the year enſuing and paſs any Vote or Votes Reſpecting the same as they think best when met —

10thly For the Town to Chuse a Committee to supply the Pulpit and alſo if they see Cauſe grant a sum of Money to be appropriated perticularly for that and paſs any Vote or Votes Reſpecting the Goſpel Ministry in Sd Town as they think best when met —

11thly For the Town to determin whether they will make any Repairs to the Meeting Houſe in s.d Town and paſs any Vote or Votes Reſpecting the same as they think best when met

12thly To see if the Town will cloſe the Town way leading from Mark Collins Jr on to the road at the top of Bridges mi hill so called or paſs any Vote or Votes Reſpecting the same as they think best when met

13thly For the Town to hear the Request of Reuben Newton Reſpecting the Road leading from s.d Newtons west Pine hill to Marlborough line and for the Town to paſs any Vote or Votes Reſpecting the same as they think best when met

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with and your doings thereon to us on or before the time appointed for holding s.d Meeting: Given under our Hands and seal at Southboro this 19th day of February in the year of our Lord 1798

Elijah Brigham
Abner Parker
Trowbridge Taylor
Timothy Bellows
Ephm. Bemis
Selectmen of Southborough

Worceſter ss Purſuant to the within warrant I duly Notified the freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Southborough Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs to meet at time and place and for the purpose within mentioned

Southborough March ye 5th 1798

Nathan Bridges Conſtle

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March Meeting 1798

Southborough March ye 5th 1798

The Town met agreeable to the forgoing warrant and proceded to act as follows Viz —

1st Choſe Elijah Brigham Moderator for sd Meeting

2dly Choſe the following Town officers

Town Clerk Trowbridge Taylor

Selectmen
Elijah Brigham
Abner Parker
Trowbridge Taylor
Timothy Bellows
Phinr Bemis

Town Treasurer Ezra Taylor

Assessors
Jeremiah Newton
Trowbridge Taylor
William Hearrington

Collector Reuben Fay accepted of by the Town in the room and Stead of Joseph Onthank sd Onthank engaging to be accountable to the Town for all the Collections Committed to sd Fay to Collect

Collector Peter Fay } Constable Nathan Bridges Jr

Surveyors of High Ways
Ebenr Newton
Robert Fay Jr
Jeremiah Fay
Hezekh Fay Jr

Fence Viewers
Nathan Bridges Jr
Josiah Sozer

Field Drivers
Wm Taylor
Wm Stone

Hog Reeves
Elijah Newton
Abel Newton
Alpheus Fay

Sealer of Leather } Zacheus Roberts
Surveyor of Hemp } Asahel Mathews
Surveyor of Lumber } Ezra Taylor
Deer Reaf } Elijah Johnson

All those Choſen into office of whome an oath are required (which are here recorded) were Sworn agreeable to Law

Overseers of the Poor
Mark Collins Jr
Jno Johnson
Abel Chamberlain

3d art Grave diggers Ebenr Bellows Francis Fay

Pound keeper Solomon Este

Abel Chamberlain to Sweep Lock and Unlock the Meeting Houſe the year Enſuing

4th art Voted to grant the Sum of Four Hundred Dollars to Repair Highways to be Aſseſsd on the Polls and Estate within the Town of Southborough, and Stated the price of Labour at Eight Cents an Hour Oxen Carts and Plows to be left to the Surveyors. — High way

5th arte Voted to grant the Sum of Two Hundred and Seventy Dollars to Hire a School master to be Aſseſsd on the Polls and Estates within sd Town to equally divided between

5th art betwixt the Squadrons Voted that Seventy Dollars be ap-
grant = propriated for a Woman School —
Voted to grant Twenty Cords of wood for the Use of the School

School Committee) William Stow Abel Chamberlain —
(Nathan Bridges Jr Hezekiah Fay —

Voted to set up the School wood to the lowest bidder
s.d Wood to be cut and Corded four feet Long —

Center wood Struck to Reuben Fay at —	11/11
East End D.o —	11/9
South Side Phin.s Bemis —	10/10
West End Mark Collins Jr —	12/0

Inspectors of wood) Abel Chamberlain Center Nathan Newton East End
(John Johnson West End John Richards South Side —

6th art Voted to grant the Sum of Three Hundred and fifty Dollars
Town grant to pay Town debts to be Assessed on the Polls and Es-
=tates within s.d Town —

	D C
7th art Granted to the Assessors —	20:0
Granted to Ezra Taylor —	3:50
Granted to Jonathan Champney —	6:08
Granted to Rachel Robertson for Sweeping Lock-ing and Unlocking the Meeting House —	2:50
Granted to Obediah Newton for Nursing Duntons Family and Articles found for them	6:0

8th art Voted to let their Swine run at Large —

9th art Voted to set up their Poor to the Lowest bidder
the Town to pay their Doctoring Nursing and Clothing
Poor Sold them — Hannah Amsden Struck of to John Prentice
for 4/5 pr week —
Wid.o Salter John Collins 6/0 — 4/5
Saml Dunton and family 3/4 — 6/0
Voted to set up Timothy Peirce to the Highest bidder 3/4
set up and Struck of to Abel Chamberlain for Forty
five Dollars and Twenty five Cents — D 45:25

10th art Voted to Chuse a Committee to supply the pulpit dur-
=ing the Towns pleasure Chose Hezekiah Fay Heman Fay
Pulpit Deacon Chamberlain —
Voted to grant the Sum of Five Hundred Dollars to
committee be Assessed on the Polls and Estates within the Town
to be paid into the Treasury quarterly. and to be laid
out for the purpose of supplying the pulpit —
Voted to Leave the Matter with the Assessors Res-
pecting Making the Rates —

March Meeting Continued

11th artl Voted to make some repairs to the Meeting House
Voted to Chuse a Committee of Eleaven to View the
Meeting House and make report at the adjournment
of the Meeting, Chose John Newton Elijah Brigham
Heman Fay Hezekiah Fay Jr Abner Parker Ezra
Taylor John Johnson Trowbridge Taylor Nathan Bridge
Colln Nixon Ashabel Mathews —

Meeting House Matter

The Committee made report to the Town at the adjournment of the Meeting the Town then Voted to mend the Windows and fasten the Clabboards and Shingles Chose a Committee for that purpose Ezra Taylor Hezekiah Fay Jr Stevens Brigham

12th artl Leased to Mark Collins Jr on the same terms they did the Last year —

13th artl Voted to grant to Reuben Newton his heirs and assigns forever all the Land on the westerly side of the Road leading from Sd Newtons to Marlborough line lying betwixt Sd Road and Sd Newtons land Leaving Sd Road the same width it was Layd out by the Selectmen of Southborough in the year 1772 as by the plan of Sd road will appear, On Conditions Sd Newton make the road passable to the acceptance of the Town Committee for viewing Roads —

R. Newton Road

N.B. Sd Meeting was adjourned to Chamberlains Hall and from thence to the Meeting House to meet on Monday ye 12 day of March Inst at one of the Clock P.M. The Town Met at time and place ~~and~~ being the Sd 12 day and proceeded to act on the 5th 7th 9th and 11th articles as recorded above —

Then Voted to dissolve this Meeting —

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator —

Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

April Warrant 1798 – –

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Worceſter ss. To Nathan Bridges Jr Conſtable for Southborough Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maſsachusetts you are Required, To Warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Southborough (qualified) by Law to Vote for Governor Lieut Governor and Senators? To meet at the Meeting Houſe in Sd Town on Monday ye second day of April next, at one of the Clock afternoon then and there to bring in their Votes for Governor Lieut Govr and Senators agreeable to the Conſtitution of this Commonwealth Alſo warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at time and place aforesaid then and there to act on the following articles –

1st To Chuse a Moderator for Sd Meeting –

2d For the Town to give in their Votes upon the expediency of dividing the County of Worceſter into two Separate and distinct Countys

3d To See if the Town will Leaſe to Abel Chamberlain a part of the Training feild in Sd Town for a Term of time, and on Such Conditions as the Town Shall agree upon and paſs any Vote or Votes reſpecting the same as they Shall think best when met –

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and your doings thereon to us on or before the time appointed for holding Sd Meeting, Given under our hands and Seal at Southborough this 26th day of March in the year of our Lord 1798 –

Elijah Brigham Abner Parker) Selectmen
Trowbridge Taylor Jno Bellows Stepn Bemis (of Southboro

Worceſter ss. Purſuant to the within warrant I have Notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Southborough Qualified by Law to Vote for Governor Left Govr and Senators, to meet at time and place, I alſo warned the Inhabitants of Sd Town Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs to meet at time and place and for the purpoſes within mentioned

Southborough April ye 2d 1798 –

Nathan Bridges Jr Conſtable

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Southborough April ye 2d 1798 The Town Met agreeable to the forgoing Warrant and proceeded to act as follows Brought in their Votes for Govr Lt Govr and Senators which were as follows (viz)

For Govr	His Excellency Increase Sumner	43 Votes
For Lt Govr	Honour Moses Gill	39 Votes
Senators	Honl Salem Town	35 Votes
	Honl Josiah Stearns	34 Votes
	Honl Levi Lincoln	26 Votes
	Honl Elijah Brigham	35 Votes
	Honl Bezaleel Taft	35 Votes
	Benja Heywood Esqr	9 Votes

The Town Met agreeable to a Warrant for that purpose and proceeded to act as follows Viz

1st Chose Timothy Bellows Moderator for sd Meeting

2dly Put to see if the Town are willing to devide the County of Worcester   Votes for a Devision 31
against 10

3dly Voted to Lease a part of the Towns Common
Voted to Chuse a Committee of three to View and make Report to the Town Chose Elisha and Thos Brigham Mark Collins & Mr Chamberlain then withdrew his motion so no further Vote was taken on the Matter
Then Voted to dissolve this Meeting

Attest Timothy Bellows Moderator

Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerke

Worcester ss To Nathan Bridges Constable for Southborough, Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are Required To warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Southborough Qualified by Law to Vote for a Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth to meet at the Meeting House in sd Town on Monday ye 14th day of May next at three of the Clock afternoon then and there ~~[illegible]~~ if they see Cause to bring in their Votes for some person to Represent the Town of Southborough in the General Court of this Commonwealth the year ensuing Also warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of sd Town Quali

Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs to meet at time and Place aforesaid then and there to act on the following articles Viz —

1st To Chuse a Moderator for Sd Meeting —

2dly To hear the Request of the Wid.o Abigail Moor and paſs any Vote or Votes Reſpecting the Same as they think best when met

3dly To hear the request of John Arnold of Marlborough Reſpecting the Road leading from acre bridge to Cald to Allcock's line and paſs any Vote or Votes Reſpecting the same as the Town think best when met —

4thly To See if the Town will Join with the Church in Calling a Council to ratify what the Church and Town hath done Reſpecting diſmissing Mr Saml Sumner from the work of the Ministry in Sd Town and paſs any Vote or Votes Reſpecting the same as the Town think best when met —

5thly To hear the Request of Joseph Onthank & paſs any Vote or Votes Reſpecting the same as they think best when met Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and your doings thereon to us on or before the time appointed for holding Sd Meeting. Given under our hands and Seal at Southborough this 30th day of April in the year of our Lord 1798 —

Elijah Brigham } Selectmen
Abner Parker } of
Timothy Bellows } Southborough
Ithim.l Bemis }

Worcester Ss.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have Notified and Warned the freeholders and Inhabitants of Sd Town of Southborough Qualified by Law to Vote for a Representative to meet at time and place and for the purpose within mention.d I also warned all the freeholders and Inhabitants of Sd Town Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs to meet at time and place and for the purpose within mentioned —

Southborough May ye 14th 1798 —

Nathan Bridges Jr. } Constable for Southborough

May Meeting 1778 —

Southborough May ye 14th 1778

The Town Met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant and proceeded to act as follows Viz —

Voted not to send a Representative the ensuing year.

On the Remaining Business of the warrant procd

1st art Chose Elijah Brigham Moderator for Sd Meeting

2dly Voted to grant to the Widw Abigail Moor Six Cords of wood to be four feet in length and Corded at her door —

A Moor Wood

Voted to set up the wood to the lowest bidder set and struck of first three Cord to Charles Angier for 12/11 12:11

The other three Cord Struck of to Phins Bemis 12/0 12:0

Heman Fay Inspector of Sd Wood —

4thly Voted to join with the Church in Calling a Council to Ratify what the Church and Town have done Respecting dismissing Mr Saml Sumner from the work of the Ministry in Sd Town, Voted to Chuse a Committee to wait on Mr Sumner and desire him to attend Sd Meeting and join with the Church and Town in Calling a Council —

Chose Deacon Fay Heman Fay Leml Chamberlain —

The Committee Returnd and informd the Town that Mr Sumner Refusd to join with the Church and Town in Chusing a Council. Voted to proceed and Chuse a Council for the purpose above —

Votes Respecting a Council —

Voted to send to the Chh, in East Sudbury —

Voted to send to the Chh in Framingham

Voted to send to the Chh in Marlborough —

Voted to have the Council set the first Wednesday in June

Voted to Chuse a Committee to provide for the Council —

Chose George Brigham Solm Este Deacon Fay —

Voted to leave the Matter with the Chh to send out Letters Missive —

5thly Passd over finally —

Then Voted to dissolve this Meeting —

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator —

Worcester ss   Sept.r Meeting Warrant –

To Nathan Bridges Jr Constable for Southborough
Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are Required to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Sd Town Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs, To Meet at the Meeting House in Sd Town on Monday ye 10th day of Sept.r Inst at three of the Clock P.M. Then and there to act on the following articles Viz –

1st To Chuse a Moderator for Sd Meeting –

2dly For the Town to hear the Request of Susannah Ward whereby she throws herself and all her effects on the Town of Southborough and for the Town to pass any Vote or Votes Respecting her property or any thing that relates to her maintenance –

3dly For the Town to allow George Brighams account for boarding the Council or pass any Vote or Votes Respecting the same as they think best when met –

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and your doings thereon to us on or before the time appointed for holding Sd Meeting, Given under our hands and Seal at Southborough this 3d day of Sept.r in the year of our Lord 1798 –

Elijah Brigham
Abner Parker
Trowb Taylor
Jon.a Bellows
Eph.r Bemis
Selectmen of Southborough

Worcester ss Pursuant to the within warrant I have Notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Southbor.o qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs to meet at time and place and for the purpose within mentioned
Southbor.o Sept.r ye 10th 1798 –
Nathan Bridges Jr Constable

Southborough Sept.r ye 10, 1798

The Town met agreeable to the foregoing warrant and proceeded to act as follows Viz –

1st Chose Elijah Brigham Moderator for Sd Meeting

2dly Voted to Chuse a Committee to Consult an Attorney and make report to the Town at a future Meeting –
Chose John Johnson Ezra Taylor Trowbridge Taylor –
Voted to direct the Overseers to Notify David Fay to take care of Susannah Ward –
At the adjournment of the Meeting the Committee made report to the Town and the matter was dismissed –

3d article Voted to grant to George Brigham $ 5.00

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday of Nov.r next to meet at the Meeting House in Sd Town at four o Clock
Southborough Nov.r ye 5th 1798
The Town met agreeable to the adjournment the Meeting was opened and dissolved attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Record.d by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerke –

Worcester ss. To Nathan Bridges Jr Constable for Southborough, Greeting—

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are Required forthwith to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of sd Town Qualified by Law to Vote for a Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth to Assemble on Monday ye fifth day of Novr next at one of the Clock afternoon at the Meeting House in sd Town, then and there to give in their Votes for a Representative to Represent the Second Middle district of this Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States of America, Agreeable to an act of the General Court of this Commonwealth for the Choice of Federal Representatives

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and your doings thereon to us on or before the time appointed for holding sd Meeting. Given under our hands and Seal at Southborough this Twenty Second day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand and Seven Hundred and Ninety Eight—

Elijah Brigham
Abner Parker
Timy B Moses
Jona Bemis
Selectmen of Southborough

Worcester ss.

Pursuant to the within Warrant I duly Notified the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Southborough qualified by Law to Vote in the Choice of Representative to meet at time and place and for the purpose within mentioned—

Nathan Bridges Jr
Constable

Southborough November ye 5 1798

Southborough November ye 5th 1798

The Town Met agreeable to the forgoing warrant and proceeded to bring in their Votes for a Federal Representative to Represent the Second Middle district of this Commonwealth The Votes were as follows Viz—

For the Honerable Elbridge Gerry 12 Votes
For the Honerable Timothy Bigelow 24 Votes
For the Honerable Joseph B. Varnum 6 Votes

Then Voted to dissolve this Meeting—

Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Clerk—

January Warrant 1799

Worcester ss

To Nathan Bridges 1st Constable for Southboro^o Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are Required forthwith. To warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of S^d Town qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs, To meet at the Meeting House in S^d Town on Monday ye 14th day of January Inst at one of the Clock afternoon then and there to act on the following articles Viz

1st To Chuse a Moderator for S^d Meeting

2^d For the Town (if they see Cause) to give the Overseers of of S^d Town, such Instructions as they think best Respecting Thomas Graves of Leveret who hath made application to S^d Town for some assistance and proposes to throw himself and all his effects on S^d Town, And for the Town to pass any Vote or Votes Respecting S^d Graves as they think best when met, And for the Town to give the Overseers such Instructions as they think best Respecting any of the paupers of this Town

Hereof fail not and Make return of this Warrant and your doings thereon to us on or before the time appointed for holding S^d Meeting. Given under our hands and Seal at Southborough this 9th day of Jan^y in the year of our Lord 1799

Elijah Brigham
Abner Parker
Thos Taylor
Sam^l Bellows

Selectmen of Southborough

Worcester ss

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have Notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Southborough Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs, To meet at time and place and for the purposes within mention

Southborough January ye 14th 1799

Nathan Bridges 1st Constable for Southbo^o

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Southborough Jan'y ye 14th 1799 —

The Town met agreeable to the foregoing Warrant and proceeded to act as follows Viz —

1st Chose Elijah Brigham Moderator for s'd Meeting:

2dly Voted to direct the Overseers to send for Thomas Graves and Family. Voted to set up the Transport of Thomas Graves and Family to the Lowest bidder —

Voted to pay Ten Dollars down and the remainder by the first of March

Set up and Struck of to Timothy Bellows at Twenty two Dollars and fifty Cents —

Voted to set up the Boarding of Thos. Graves and Family to the Lowest bidder at so much pr week; the person that bids them of is to have the improvement of their effects — Set up and Struck of to Daniel Stone at three Dollars pr week —

Voted to direct the Overseers to go and fetch of John Brittan if they think best, agreeable to the request of the Selectmen of Lancaster —

Voted to direct the overseers to take care of Lydia Amsden, Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Mr Holmans to meet at five oClock — the meeting was opened at the Hour and proceeded to business —

Voted to direct the Overseers to take Lydia Amsden into their Care, and settle with Peter Fay for her wages, and take proper measures for obtaining information who is the Father of the Child with which She is now pregnant —

Then Voted to dissolve this Meeting —

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

Lydia Amsden Jno. Brittan Thos. Graves's Meetin

Febry ye 27th 1799

This may Certify that we have Assessed the Polls and Estates in the Town of Southborough in the Sum of Five Hundred Dollars, being a grant made by Sd Town at their annual Meeting in March last to be laid out for the purpose of Supplying the pulpit in Sd Town — and also Eleaven Dollars and Sixty three Cents, being the fractional part of Sd Rate, And we have Committed the same to Reuben Fay and Peter Fay Collectors for Sd Town with warrants in due form of Law for Collecting and paying in the same into the Treasury of Sd Town in the following manner Viz —— One quarter part by the first day of Septr next, One other quarter part by the first day of December next. One other quarter part by the first day of March next. One other quarter part by the first day of June next. The Assessments are as follows Viz, Reuben Fays List 216:57 Cents Peter Fays List is 295:6 Cents Southborough June ye 7th 1798

D 511:63

To the Selectmen of Southboro

Jeremiah Newton
Trowbridge Taylor
Willm Harrington

Assessors of Southboro

This may Certify that pursuant to an act of the General Court Laying a Tax on Dogs and Also a grant of the Town of Southborough at their annual Meeting in March Last We have Assessed the Polls and Estates in the Town of Southborough in the ~~Following~~ Sum of Six Hundred and Sixty Eight Dollars and have Committed the same to Reuben Fay and Peter Fay Collectors for Sd Town in the following manner Viz. To Reuben Fay the Sum of Three Hundred & Seven Dollars, To Peter Fay the Sum of Three Hundred and Sixty one Dollars, with warrants in due form of Law for Collecting and paying in the same to Ezra Taylor Town Treasurer or Successor in Sd office on or before the first day of March next In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands ~~and Seal~~ this 14th day of November 1798

To the Selectmen of Southborough

Jeremiah Newton
Trowbridge Taylor
Wm Harrington

Assessors of Southborough

Recorded by Trowbridge Taylor Town Clerk

Read a Letter from the Selectmen of Gerry Respect
ing Saml Dunton on the 13th day of July 17[illegible]

Recorded by J Taylor Town Clerk

Southborough March ye 1st 1799

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Southborough to
settle with Ezra Taylor Town Treasurer for the
year past, and by Examining the Book and accounts
we find he has ben Chargeble with the Sum of

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And he produced Vouchers that he hes paid the Sum of	0622	28
And he is Still Chargebll with the sum of	1408	57

Elijah Brigham
Abner Parker
Timothy Bellows
Trowbridge Taylor
Phinehas Bemis

Selectmen of Southborough

Southborough March ye 25th 1799

this Certifies that the Selectmen of Sd Town have transfer
the papers from the Late Treasurer Ezra Taylor to Abner Parker
the present Treasurer and Sd Parker is Chargeable with the
sum of Fourteen Hundred Nine Dollars and Seventy nine cents — 1409: 79

Elijah Brigham
Trowbridge Taylor
Timothy Bellows
Phinehas Bemis

Selectmen of Southborough

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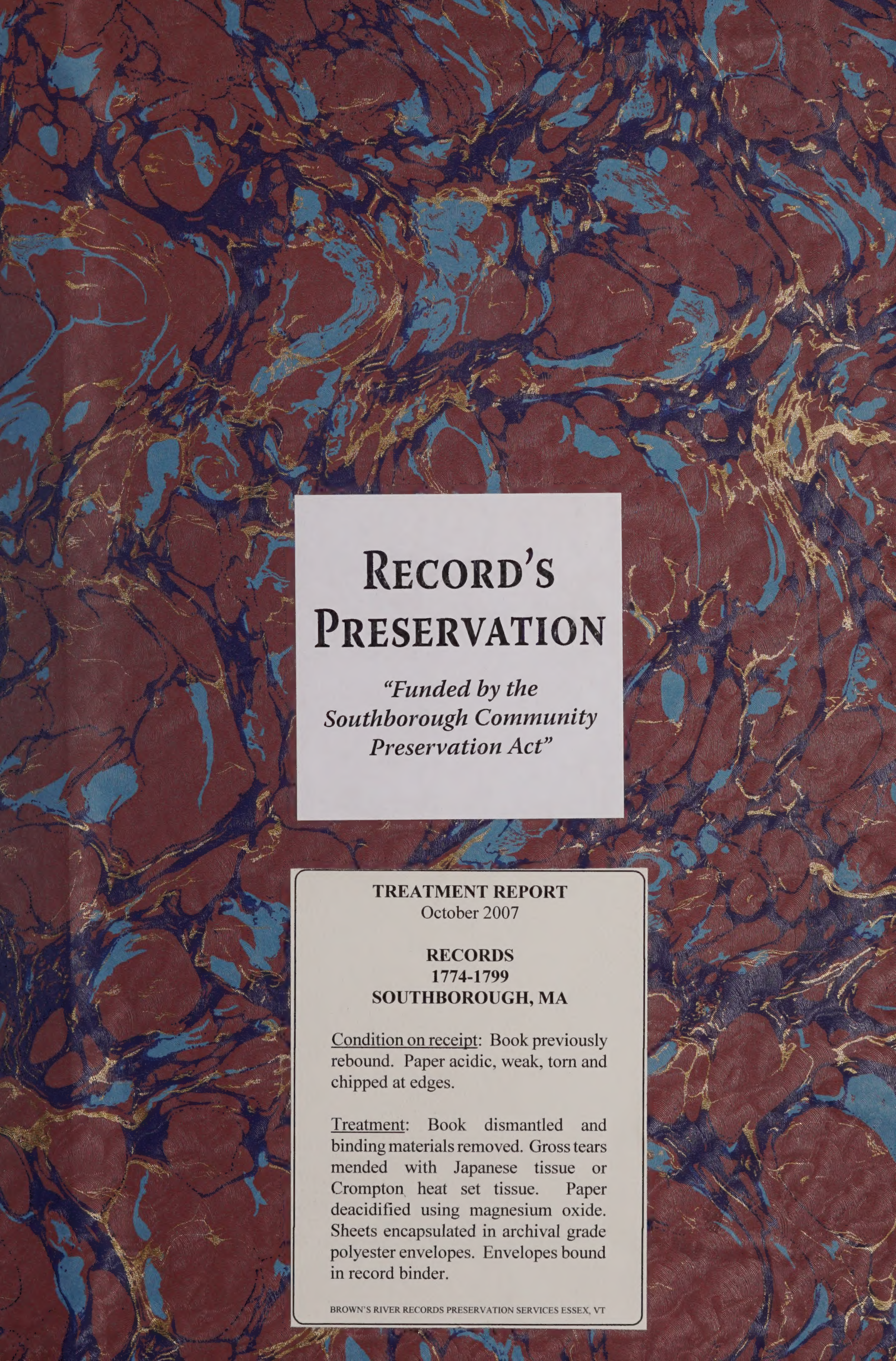

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